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WILLIAM TANKE, Chairman
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Governor's Appointment

CURTIS VOSTI, Treasurer
Governor's Appointment

JOHN MROCZKOWSKI, Secretary
Governor's Appointment

GEORGE CARLSON
Mayor of Hammond's Appointment

ARLENE COLVIN
Mayor of Gary's Appointment

STEVE DAVIS
Dept. of Natural Resources' Appointment

EMERSON DELANEY
Governor's Appointment

ROBERT MARSZALEK
Governor's Appointment

DR. MARK RESHKIN
Governor's Appointment

MARION WILLIAMS
Lake County Commissioners' Appointment

DAN GARDNER
Executive Director

LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

MEETING NOTICE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION 200.2
AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2002
AT THE COMMISSION OFFICE
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, IN

EXECUTIVE SESSION- REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION
ISSUES/MITIGATION - 4:30 P.M.

WORK STUDY SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman William Tanke
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Visitors and Guests
4. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2001
5. Chairman's Report
 - Report of Nominating Committee
(Chairman Emerson DeLaney, members Arlene Colvin and Steve Davis)
 - Appointment letter for Robert Marszalek
 - Re-appointment letter for George Carlson
6. Executive Director's Report
 - Project Mitigation Status Update – Report on meetings held on December 12th and 18th
 - Announcement of public meeting for Stage VII (Northcote to Columbia) scheduled for January 30th

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+ Mark Hopson.
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3:30 to meet w/ Copenhagen?

7. Standing Committees

A. Land Acquisition/Management Committee - Arlene Colvin, Chairperson

- Appraisals, offers, acquisitions, recommended actions
- COE Real Estate meeting to be held on December 11th
- Other issues

B. Project Engineering Committee – Bob Huffman, Chairman

- Received correspondence from INDOT regarding upcoming I-80/94 construction
- Status of engineering cost savings items
- Project Borrow Site issues
- Pre-construction meeting scheduled for January 3rd with Lake County Highway Dept. to review Hohman Avenue bridge project
- Other issues

C. Legislative Committee – George Carlson, Chairman

- Upcoming meeting with Governor's staff scheduled for January 16th regarding continuing project funding issues
- Other Issues

D. Recreational Development Committee – Curtis Vosti, Chairman

- Recreation features currently on hold
- Need to schedule a meeting with NICTD regarding recreational trail re-alignment
- Other issues

E. Marina Development Committee – Bill Tanke, Chairman

- Update on marina build-out
- Other issues

F. Finance/Policy Committee – Curt Vosti, Chairman

- Financial status report
- Approval of claims for January 2002
- Other issues

G. Minority Contracting Committee – Marion Williams, Chairman

- Minority participation in construction contracts status
- Other issues

8. Other Business

9. Statements to the Board from the Floor

10. Set date for next meeting

**MINUTES OF THE LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD AT 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2001
6100 SOUTHPORT ROAD
PORTAGE, INDIANA**

Chairman William Tanke called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Seven (7) Commissioners were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Quorum was declared and guests were recognized.

Development Commissioners:

George Carlson
Emerson Delaney
Mark Reshkin
William Tanke
Steve Davis
Bob Huffman
Curt Vosti

Visitors:

Bill Petrites – Highland resident
Don Ewoldt – Lake Erie Land Company
Imad Samara - COE
Dan McDowell – Hobart Marsh supporter
Sandy O'Brien - Hobart
Jim & Karen Flora – R.W. ARMSTRONG CO.
Deb DeLaney
Jim Piakarczyk – Sierra Club
Jane Fuller – Sierra Club, Hobart Marsh supporter

Staff:

Dan Gardner
Sandy Mordus
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos
Lorraine Kray
Lou Casale

Commissioner Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2001; motion seconded by Emerson DeLaney; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Chairman Tanke reported on the NAFSMA conference in Charlotte, NC that he and Dan Gardner attended. He stated that a main speaker was Brig. Gen. Griffin, Director of Civil Works for the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington. Other speakers included Michael Parker, Asst. Secretary of Army for Civil Works; Michael Cook, Director of Wastewater Management at the USEPA; John Studt, Chief of Regulatory Branch, Civil Works, Corps of Engineers; John Anderson, House Water Resources & Environmental Subcommittee, Washington; Charles Hess, Headquarters, Corps of Engineers; and others. He felt it was a very good conference. Mr. Gardner agreed and distributed a handout addressing Stormwater planning and training. Commissioner Reshkin inquired whether this Commission has any stormwater and wastewater responsibility. Discussion ensued.

Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Dan Gardner informed the Board members that he will meet with Ron Trigg of Shirley Heinze Environmental Fund and their attorney and COE officials on December 12th to discuss the 3rd party agreement. He views this meeting as kind of negotiating session to first establish their interest in being the 3rd party and then working out the language in the agreement that would be acceptable to all parties. Discussion was held. Mr. Gardner then distributed the letter that the COE wrote to Mayor Scott King in response to his letter of November 10th addressing the mitigation lands within the city and Hobart Marsh.

Mr. Gardner spoke on the public meeting that was held for Stage VIII. There were a little over 100 people in attendance. It was a good opportunity to present that portion of the project to the affected residents, and we were also able to make contact with several town officials and discussed setting up a presentation to their fellow council members. We also discussed future funding of the project and how the residents could help us by contacting their area legislators in support of the project. It was a very good positive presentation and overall, was very well received by the residents. We will continue to have more meetings as we get closer to construction in the west reach. Jim Pokrajac displayed maps showing the real estate and construction impacts relative to residents' property lines; Judy Varnos showed the project video; the COE had a power point presentation, there was a question and answer period; and the A/E was available for questions also.

Mr. Gardner stated that he, as well as attorney Lou Casale and Chairman Bill Tanke, met at the Chicago District COE office on November 13th. As the outcome of that meeting, staff from the Congressman's Office requested that the Board adopt a statement prioritizing the remaining state budget appropriation. Mr. Gardner distributed a priority sheet listing out 4 priorities. Commissioner Vosti made a motion to adopt this priority statement; motion seconded by Steve Davis; motion passed unanimously. (that priority statement is attached herein as Attachment 1 and made part of these minutes)

Land Acquisition/Management Committee – In Committee Chairperson Arlene Colvin's absence, Curt Vosti gave the committee report. He reported that there are no increased offers or condemnations this month.

Discussion was already held on the Stage VIII public meeting that was held.

Mr. Vosti reported that staff has prepared a 1st draft of the Operation and Maintenance Summary Chart for the Gary segments along the river. It appears to be very thorough and staff is currently gathering additional information for costs, frequencies, and other details.

The attorney is researching information on the 75' drainage easement the Commission has along the river and has researched a new case that may give us strength to enforce the law as it reads.

Project Engineering Committee – Committee Chairman Bob Huffman gave the engineering report. He reported that the committee had a meeting on November 13th in which a number of engineering cost saving items were presented that Jim Pokrajac and Jim Flora had developed. Staff then submitted those cost saving items to the COE on December 6th to familiarize themselves with our suggestions.

A proposal from R. W. Armstrong Company for design services of the Kennedy Ave. pedestrian walkway onto the existing bridge was received at a cost of \$26,000. After discussion, the proposal was tabled until such time that final engineering review considerations would be needed to implement into their final plans.

Mr. Huffman reported that staff has completed final engineering review for Stage III remediation and they are now doing final engineering review for Stage VI Phase 2. This is scheduled for bid in January 2002 and contract award in April 2002.

Mr. Huffman also stated that the COE has requested we do pipeline locations and elevations in Stage V Phase 2 that could cost the Commission up to \$40,000. It was discussed that the COE should do this as part of their engineering services that include utility coordination.

Legislative Committee – Committee Chairman George Carlson gave the legislative report. He reported that the House Ways & Means had a field hearing discussing the Governor's tax restructuring proposal.

The hearing's purpose was to hear an explanation on the part of government officials from Indianapolis to identify financial problems of the State and how they can be dealt with.

Mr. Carlson added that attended the public hearing on Stage VIII and complimented Mr. Gardner and the staff on an excellent presentation.

Recreational Development Committee – Committee Chairman Curt Vosti gave the Recreation Report. There is no activity in recreation at this time. Additional recreational trail work will resume with the next contract.

A proposal for a recreational pedestrian walkway onto the Kennedy Avenue bridge was discussed. R. W. Armstrong submitted a quote to Engineering for \$26,000. We will forward our feasibility study to the COE.

Marina Committee – Committee Chairman Bill Tanke stated that a meeting has not been scheduled yet with the city. There is no further information.

Finance/Policy Committee – Treasurer Curt Vosti gave the Finance report. He reported that a Finance Committee meeting had been held on November 15th to review year end financial status and approve compensation changes to present to the Board for their approval. Mr. Vosti referred to the letter from him with supporting documentation that was included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Vosti presented the committee's proposed changes. They were: (1) Adoption of the Operating Budget for 2002. The budget holds the Administration Budget to the same level as 2001; the Land Acquisition Budget assumes the release of the \$2.5 million from the Budget; (2) Recommendation to dedicate the interest on the COE escrow accounts in the amount of \$118,677.82 to the Administrative Budget; (3) adoption of changes made to existing services contracts that include NIRPC contract for administrative services for the year 2002, a compensation adjustment to Dan Gardner in the amount of \$5,500 and an amount of \$4,000 to Sandy Mordus (the same amounts as last year), an hourly increase of \$4.75 to contract employee Jim Pokrajac (total compensation would be \$50.75/hour), an hourly increase of \$3.50 to contract employee Judith Vamos (total compensation would be \$36.50/hour), an hourly increase of \$1.75 to contract employee Lorraine Kray (total compensation would be \$18.25/hour); and legal services contract would be increased for \$85 to \$90 per hour. Mr. Vosti proceeded to make a motion approving the above-mentioned changes; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously. In regards to the proposed increase in hourly for R. W. Armstrong, it would have to be considered as a separate item because it was not before the Finance Committee at their meeting. Mr. Vosti proceeded to make a motion approving an increase from \$135 to \$150/hour for consulting engineer Jim Flora of R. W. Armstrong Company with the new contract beginning December 15, 2001; motion seconded by Bob Huffman; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gardner assured the Board members that there are sufficient funds available in the budgets to meet these increases. There was also discussion that a proposal may be forthcoming addressing paralegal fees that is billed to us as part of the legal services contract from the attorney. It will be addressed at the next meeting. Staff was asked to develop a work scope for duties performed by Lorraine Kray. At present, there is no work scope.

Mr. Vosti presented the claims for November in the amount of \$63,051.82; motion seconded by George Carlson; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vosti then mentioned that travel policy information was also distributed to Board members in their packet. The committee will be meeting after the holidays to further discuss this issue and action will be taken at a later date.

Minority Contracting Committee – In Committee' Chairman Marion Williams' absence, Jim Pokrajac stated that all construction in the east reach is complete and we have received monthly minority participation reports on all the contracts. The only ongoing projects are for the pump stations in the west reach.

Other Business – Chairman Bill Tanke announced the receipt of a letter from the Governor naming Robert Marszalek, superintendent of River Forest School, to fill the remaining term of deceased member Charles Agnew's term, which expires December 31, 2003. Mr. Marszalek apologizes that he could not make this evening's meeting; he already had a commitment made when he received the appointing letter from the Governor's office.

Mr. Tanke stated that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Emerson Delaney (chairman), Arlene Colvin and Steve Davis, will have a report at the next meeting.

Statements to the Board – Sandy O'Brien, Hobart, complimented the Commission on the openness on which it conducts its business.

Jim Piekarczyk, Sierra Club/Munster, inquired about the final phase of the levee project. Jim Pokrajac stated that some areas in Stage VIII (Stateline to Columbia) will have an I-wall 1-1/2' to 3' above existing ground level. Concern was on increased development in this area and that the hydrology in this area was based on maps that are outdated. The length of time that it is taking us to construct will push the end completion date even further away. Commissioner Vosti agreed that it is a concern but we are constrained by funding.

Sandy O'Brien expressed a concern that the Commission would want to re-do the mitigation plan. Mr. Gardner assured her that we are not considering that at all. Imad Samara added that the COE has an approved plan and they have no intention of re-doing it either. She expressed a concern that the lands in Hobart Marsh would be bought up by others and not be available for mitigation lands and we should consider other entities to purchase the lands and hold them for us, i.e. Trust for Public Lands. Mr. Gardner replied that our first obligation is to work with Shirley Heinze Environmental.

Don Ewolt, Lake Erie Land Co., inquired whether there was a sewer ban on in the Hobart Marsh area. If that is the case, no development could take place until it was lifted.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.

/sjm

ADOPTED PRIORITIES FOR USE OF REMAINING STATE BUDGET
APPROPRIATION - 2001-03

1. Purchase of maximum number of properties in the west reach of the project area to put ourselves in the best position to let new Federal flood control construction contracts at the earliest date possible. Concentration will be on Stage VI Phase 1 and Stage VI Phase 2 working westward from Cline Avenue. All properties will be fully creditable.
2. Pursue west reach permit for construction in a floodway issued by the Indiana Department Natural Resources. This permit necessitates the approval and beginning implementation of a required wetland mitigation plan. Concentration of efforts on letting in-project mitigation contract and utilizing State appropriations to purchase necessary off-corridor mitigation lands identified in the Hobart Marsh area. Work with the IN Department Natural Resources and Shirley Heinze Environmental Fund toward the dedication of their properties for mitigation commitment with minimized cost. Property acquisition will be targeted to fully creditable items.
3. Continue discussion with the Gary city administration and other local leaders to identify local financial resources for the non-Federal portion of the Burr Street betterment levee construction. This acquisition and cost sharing is currently not creditable. Closely monitor progress because if funding source cannot be identified prior to potential west reach construction – the gap in the line of protection at the Burr Street area will prohibit west reach construction initiation. Continue working with the city administration to explore timely fund commitment.
4. Complete east reach remaining parcel acquisition. This activity is fully creditable.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2797

FRANK O'BANNON
GOVERNOR

November 27, 2001

Mr. Robert W. Marszalek
1005 East Eighth Street
Hobart, Indiana 46342

Dear Bob:

It is my pleasure to appoint you as a member of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. Your appointment is effective immediately and you will fulfill the remainder of a 4 year term that will expire December 31, 2003.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the citizens of the State of Indiana. It will be with the assistance of talented Hoosiers like you that we will reach our goal of making Indiana government responsive to the challenges that confront our great state.

Best wishes. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank O'Bannon".

Frank O'Bannon

FOB/jf
Enclosures



Duane W. Dedelow, Jr.
Mayor

CITY OF HAMMOND

December 12, 2001

Mr. Dan Gardner
Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage Indiana 46368

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Let this letter serve as my reappointment of Mr. George Carlson to the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. Mr. Carlson's appointment will expire on December 31, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Duane W. Dedelow, Jr.
Mayor, City of Hammond

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LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2001 - NOVEMBER 30, 2001

CASH POSITION - JANUARY 1, 2001

CHECKING ACCOUNT		
LAND ACQUISITION	541,026.11	
GENERAL FUND	49,902.51	
TAX FUND	0.00	
INVESTMENTS	2,596,370.26	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST	21,476.77	
		<u>3,208,775.65</u>

RECEIPTS - JANUARY 1, 2001 - NOVEMBER 30, 2001

LEASE RENTS		42,750.00	
INTEREST INCOME(FROM CHECKING & CALUMET BANK)		68,427.19	
LAND ACQUISITION		1,271,523.15	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST (YEAR TO DATE)	270.12	36.11	Available
MISC. INCOME		459,006.93	
AMERITECH	16,746.91		
EMERSON DELANEY	100.00		
MERIDIAN TITLE	406.89		
MERIDIAN TITLE	495.36		
TICOR	540.00		
CALUMET BANK	167,859.35	LEL MONEY	
BANK ONE	12,911.42	MARINA BOND FUND	
L. C. AUDITOR	20,000.00		
TOWN OF HIGHLAND	675.00		
LOAN FROM CERTIF	239,272.00		
INTEREST FROM ESCROW CERTIFICATE DUE 10/4/01		118,677.82	
INTEREST FROM ESCROW CHECKING(DEP 5/16/01)		33,510.86	
KRBC REIMBURSEMENT RE: TELEPHONE CHARGE		1,830.06	
PROCEEDS FROM VOIDED CHECKS		23,626.00	
Ck#7307 Meridian Tide		23,626.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>2,019,388.12</u>

DISBURSEMENTS - JANUARY 1, 2001 - NOVEMBER 30, 2001

ADMINISTRATIVE			
2000 EXPENSES PAID IN 2001	179,730.72		
PER DIEM		7,350.00	
LEGAL SERVICES		6,967.13	
NIRPC		111,389.54	
TRAVEL & MILEAGE		2,796.68	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING		2,427.78	
BONDS & INSURANCE		5,642.63	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE		6,333.93	
MEETING EXPENSE		3,335.90	
LAND ACQUISITION			
LEGAL SERVICES		56,832.52	
APPRAISAL SERVICES		130,050.00	
ENGINEERING SERVICES		65,051.68	
LAND PURCHASE CONTRACTUAL		31,501.00	
FACILITIES/PROJECT MAINTENANCE SERVICES		55,361.42	
OPERATIONS SERVICES		0.00	
LAND MANGEMENT SERVICES		171,933.09	
SURVEYING SERVICES		48,831.72	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		1,282.50	
ECONOMIC/MARKETING SOURCES		120.00	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURE COSTS		358,175.86	
MOVING ALLOCATION		18,250.00	
TAXES		3,114.53	
PROPERTY & STRUCTURES INSURANCE		21,061.50	
UTILITY RELOCATION SERVICES		97,564.45	
LAND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		134,997.75	
STRUCTURAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		2,503.30	
PURCHASE CERTIFICATE CALUMET BANK		21,500.00	
PURCHASE MONEY MARKET BANK ONE		393,040.41	
PURCHASE MONEY MARKET BANK ONE		167,859.35	
PURCHASE MONEY MARKET BANK ONE		12,911.42	
DEPOSIT INTO BANKONE MONEYMARKET		1,500.00	
DEPOSIT INTO BANKONE MONEYMARKET(GARYPARK)		46,000.00	
PURCHASE MONEY MARKET FIRST NATIONAL		181,272.00	
FAO ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS		181,272.00	
FAO ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS		58,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			<u>2,406,230.09</u>

CASH POSITION - NOVEMBER 30, 2001

CHECKING ACCOUNT			
LAND ACQUISITION		27,884.85	
GENERAL FUND		176,327.19	
TAX FUND			
INVESTMENTS			
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	700,000.00	4/26/2002	
(BASE CAPITAL INVESTMENT)			
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	76,728.00	4/26/2002	
(MISC INTEREST/RENTAL INVESTMENT)			
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	46,000.00	4/26/2002	
(MISC INTEREST/RENTAL INVESTMENT)			
BANK ONE	135,582.85	MONEY MARKET	
(LEL MONEY)			
BANK ONE	140,516.61	MONEY MARKET	
(MARINA SAND MONEY)			
BANK ONE	22,542.07	MONEY MARKET	
(STATE DRAW MONIES)			
BANK ONE	11,699.65	MONEY MARKET	
(GARY PARKS & REC MONIES)			
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		1,133,069.18	
ESCROW ACCOUNT INTEREST		36.11	
			<u>1,337,317.33</u>

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT, DECEMBER 2001

	2001							6 MONTH ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED
	BUDGET	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,450.00	3,450.00	12,550.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	903.83	368.33	988.83	1,770.83	436.33	283.33	4,751.48	3,748.52
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	8,860.29	9,620.29	9,773.09	9,377.53	9,186.52	9,401.36	56,219.08	68,780.92
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	0.00	24.08	150.92	8.68	131.04	299.88	614.60	13,385.40
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	2,306.00	0.00	0.00	702.50	0.00	0.00	3,008.50	1,991.50
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	77.00	0.00	5,565.63	0.00	0.00	5,642.63	1,857.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	113.26	244.35	677.99	0.00	589.17	594.67	2,219.44	4,780.56
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	137.05	609.24	163.60	253.44	63.90	309.54	1,536.77	6,463.23
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	3,907.48	5,670.91	6,963.27	4,430.48	6,606.06	6,315.06	33,893.26	91,106.74
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	43,899.76	33,497.23	92,147.57	34,758.31	45,927.63	54,106.39	304,336.89	195,663.11
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	1,809,850.00	0.00	9,888.56	186,152.00	1,975.97	12,600.00	104,564.51	315,181.04	1,494,668.96
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,192.50	319.00	21,061.50	3,938.50
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	375,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,307.50	202.50	6,492.25	237,326.52	245,328.77	129,671.23
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	250,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	93,352.75	0.00	98,352.75	151,647.25
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	13.00	24,987.00
	3,300,850.00	60,677.67	59,999.99	303,324.77	59,045.87	195,578.15	416,983.26	1,095,609.71	2,205,240.29

	2001							12 MONTH ALLOCATED	UNALLOCATED BUDGETED
	BUDGET	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL	BALANCE
5801 PER DIEM EXPENSES	16,000.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,300.00	6,850.00	9,150.00
5811 LEGAL EXPENSES	8,500.00	419.33	495.83	317.33	300.33	1,014.33	283.33	7,581.96	918.04
5812 NIRPC SERVICES	125,000.00	9,254.18	9,273.55	9,013.65	9,152.37	9,260.91	10,069.90	112,243.64	12,756.36
5821 TRAVEL/MILEAGE	14,000.00	129.92	66.08	0.00	943.64	874.20	1,956.48	4,584.92	9,415.08
5822 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	5,000.00	35.00	56.07	0.00	30.71	0.00	0.00	3,130.28	1,869.72
5823 BONDS/INSURANCE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,642.63	1,857.37
5824 TELEPHONE EXPENSES	7,000.00	311.62	492.43	358.29	392.00	344.94	347.10	4,465.82	2,534.18
5825 MEETING EXPENSES	8,000.00	86.85	63.83	73.95	269.56	175.92	1,477.50	3,684.38	4,315.62
5838 LEGAL SERVICES	125,000.00	3,965.73	7,949.28	2,954.73	5,941.66	6,214.18	0.00	60,918.84	64,081.16
5840 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500,000.00	27,518.69	46,614.22	13,017.69	25,911.17	45,167.34	15,648.75	478,214.75	21,785.25
5860 PROJECT LAND PURCHASE EXP.	1,809,850.00	104.76	5,531.59	33,742.00	1,174.00	0.00	0.00	355,733.39	1,454,116.61
5881 PROPERTY/STRUCTURE INS.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,061.50	3,938.50
5882 UTILITY RELOCATION EXP.	375,000.00	40,606.25	25,884.13	753.35	6,371.04	0.00	0.00	318,943.54	56,056.46
5883 PROJECT LAND CAP. IMPROV.	250,000.00	72,732.00	6,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	177,984.75	72,015.25
5884 STRUCTURES CAP. IMPROV.	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.00	24,987.00
	3,300,850.00	155,164.33	103,427.01	60,230.99	50,486.48	63,051.82	33,083.06	1,561,053.40	1,739,796.60

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2001

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5801	GEORGE CARLSON	500.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-12/6/01
5801	JOHN MROCKOWSKI	250.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-11/28/01
5801	MARION WILLIAMS	150.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-11/1/01
5801	CURT VOSTI	450.00	PER DIEM 7/23/01-12/6/01
5801	EMERSON DELANEY	250.00	PER DIEM 8/2/01-12/6/01
5801	ROBERT HUFFMAN	600.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-12/18/01
5801	ARLENE COLVIN	250.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-11/1/01
5801	WILLIAM TANKE	850.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-12/18/01
5811	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	283.33	RETAINER FEE BILLED THROUGH 12/21/01
5812	NIRPC	9,669.90	SERVICES PERFORMED NOVEMBER 2001
5812	NAFSMA	400.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2002
5821	SAND RIDGE BANK	1,627.20	HOTEL EXPENSE FOR DAN GARDNER & WILLIAM TANKE FOR NAFSMA CONFERENCE IN CHARLOTTE, NC
5821	SANDY MORDUS	20.16	MILEAGE 12/10/01-12/18/01
5821	BILL TANKE	142.80	MILEAGE 7/5/01-12/18/01
5821	ARLENE COLVIN	25.20	MILEAGE 7/5/01-11/1/01
5821	EMERSON DELANEY	25.20	MILEAGE 8/2/01-12/6/01
5821	BOB HUFFMAN	107.52	MILEAGE 7/5/02-12/18/01
5821	MARION WILLIAMS	8.40	MILEAGE 7/5/01-11/1/01
5824	WORLDCOM (MCI)	223.36	BILLING PERIOD 11/15/01-12/14/02 (TOTAL BILL 237.26 KRBC 13.9)
5824	VERIZON	123.74	BILLING PERIOD 12/16/01-1/16/01 (TOTAL BILL 255.65 KRBC 131.91)
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	1,477.50	EXPENSES INCURRED AT ANNUAL LCRBDC MEETING 12/6/01
5838	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP		LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 12/21/01
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	5,025.00	PROFESSTIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 12/14/01
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	75.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-816
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-765
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-719
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-715
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	275.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-1033
5843	INDIANA TITLE NETWORK COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-483-A
5843	INDIANA TITLE NETWORK COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-483-B
5843	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	385.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-1036
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	158.00	RECORDINGS FOR DC-575, DC-575A, DC-606, DC-597, & DC-601
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,910.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,392.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	SANDY MORDUS	196.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	767.25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN/LAND ACQUISITION ASST 12/1/01-12/15/01
5845	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	1,250.00	REMOVAL OF HANDRAILS FROM BREAKWATER & STORAGE TILL SPRING

TOTAL

33,083.06

Sandy Mordus

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Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2001 2:27 PM
Subject: OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

AT LAST -- about the Torch Relay. We received the information and outfit today.

Here are the facts:

Olympic Torchbearer: Robert Huffman
 Munster, Indiana

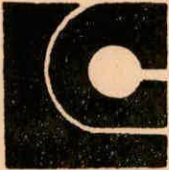
Date: January 4, 2002

City: Gary, Indiana

Beginning time of segment: 11:30 A.M.

Relay segment: From Intersection of Broadway and 23rd Avenue to the green Interstate 80/94 overhead sign on Broadway.

Bob is pretty happy with the location and with the time. I have to "deliver" him to the Gary City Hall at 9:30 A.M. He will then be put on a shuttle with the other torchbearers and driven to his location. As the nominator, I am supposed to be standing at the point at which he will receive the flame. I have great hopes of having someone with a video camera taking pictures when Bob receives the flame and then at the end of the segment when he passes it to the next torchbearer. We have a video camera someone could use, but we need one more person with a camera. Every time Bob is participating in some event, I seem to be watching through a camera lens. This one I would love to watch direct. I would also like some still shots. Well, that's all the information.



WORK STUDY SESSION
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
January 3, 2002

Bob Huffman, Committee Chairman

1. We had a pre-construction meeting with the Lake County Highway Department on January 3, 2002 to review their Hohman Avenue bridge project.
2. We received correspondence from the Lake County Surveyor's Office on December 21, 2001 regarding Hartsdale Pond status.
 - Pumps and spillway should be completed no later than March, 2002 and at that point, the pond will be pumped down.
 - We have been made aware that the "Doughman borrow site" should have approximately 600,000 additional yards of clay available to the project, which should eliminate the need for all future project clay needs (p. 23-24 Engineering Report)
 - We wrote a letter to the COE on December 12, 2001 requesting we remove the Clark-Chase borrow site (p. 22 Engineering Report)
3. We submitted a letter (along with all enclosures) to the COE on December 6, 2001 for their review. Upon their response, we will have a meeting to discuss the feasibility of these issues. Then LCRBDC will do an economic justification analysis.
4. We received correspondence from INDOT consultant, Hanson Professional Services, Inc., on December 13, 2001 regarding their upcoming construction for I-80/94, and requesting our comments or concerns.
 - Copies are available upon request
5. Completed review of Stage VI-2 engineering plans & specs (Liable to Cline, south of the river) and found the COE's 100% set to be incomplete for review.

LAND ACQUISITION REPORT

For meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2002

(Information in this report is from November 28, 2001 – December 26, 2001)

STATUS (Stage II Phase I) – Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:

1. Project completed July 10, 1992.

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) – Grant to Harrison – North Levee:

1. Project completed December 1, 1993

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3A (8A) – Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:

1. Project completed January 13, 1995.

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 4) – Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:

1. Project completed September 15, 1998.

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3B) – Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:

1. Project currently 98% complete.
2. Additional land will be required to temporarily extend a recreation trail along both the sidewalks east and west of Broadway to allow recreation trail continuation. (Refer to Recreation Report.)
 - Upon completion of I.U. Northwest modifications on, and adjacent to, Broadway, we will install a permanent trail crossing south of the river and along the line of flood protection, as originally proposed by the COE.

STATUS (Stage II, Phase 3C2) – Grant to Harrison:

1. Completion and turnover of O&M manuals was done on November 21, 2000.
2. The re-location of the recreation trail would require agreements with the city of Gary to be able to cross Grant St. at the light at 32nd Ave.
 - We will be receiving a letter from the COE requesting that we postpone Broadway and Grant Street recreation trail re-locations, and that they be included in the next recreation contract. (See Recreation Report.)
 - A meeting was held on April 12, 2001, to review our proposals for trails at Broadway & East of Grant. (See Recreation Report)
 - We received a response from the city of Gary on July 11 (From Roland Elvambuena, City Engineer) indicating their concurrence to our proposed re-location. (Refer to Recreation Report).

STATUS (Stage III) – Chase to Grant:

1. Levee construction completed on May 6, 1994.
2. Final acquisitions for flowage easements east of Chase and north of the river are ongoing (DC209 to DC213). Appraisals are being reviewed by COE.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-North) – Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern RR):

1. Construction is complete. Final inspection was held on August 30th, 2001, with minor turnover items & “as-built” drawings due to the LCRBDC.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 1-South) – Cline to Burr (South of the Norfolk Southern RR):

1. Bids were reviewed and Dyer Construction is the contractor. Work started on May 23rd, 2000 – 450 days to complete project . Project currently 85% complete.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2A) – Lake Etta – Burr to Clark:

1. Construction is complete.

STATUS (Stage IV – Phase 2B) – Clark to Chase:

1. Construction is complete.

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 1) – Wicker Park Manor:

1. Project completed September 14, 1995

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 2) – Indianapolis to Kennedy – North Levee:

1. Wicker Park appraiser John Snell has received the hydrology information from the COE. Appraisal will be completed by mid-December.
2. North Township owns the property west of Hart Ditch to Hawthorne Street. North Township has mentioned a possible relocation of the levee onto this parcel.
 - Meeting was held on 7/19/01 with COE, Munster, and North Township trustee Greg Cvitkovich. COE is reluctant to relocate the levee due to re-design costs.

STATUS (Stage V – Phase 3) – Northcote to Indianapolis – (Woodmar Country Club):

1. Woodmar preliminary figures are in from appraiser Dale Kleszynski. Since Woodmar Construction is 2-3 years in the future, Woodmar acquisition is not a priority.

STATUS (Stage VI-Phase 1) – Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable – South of the River:

1. The COE advises that no significant changes can be made to the majority of the Kennedy Industrial Park acquisitions. The three hotels only could be slightly modified.
 - Cost saving issues were discussed at the November 13th, 2001 Engineering Committee meeting.
2. We sent a letter along with information to the COE on December 6th, 2001, requesting their review of our proposals for cost savings issues. This could impact all real estate in this area. (Refer to General Comments in Engineering Report)
3. A letter was sent to Krosan Enterprises on November 28th, 2001, requesting information on how much area they need for traffic flow South of their building. (Refer to Stage VI-1 in Engineering Report.)
4. Dale Kleszynski, appraiser of Kennedy Industrial Park, met with LCRBDC on December 26th, 2001. He was informed of the 75' easement and thinks that acquisition costs will be considerably reduced by using the easement figures.

STATUS (Stage VI – Phase 2) Liable to Cline – South of the River:

1. We had a recreation coordination meeting with Highland and Griffith to determine trail re-location which allow us to cross at Cline Avenue at Highway Avenue.(Refer to Recreation Report)
 - A field meeting was held with Griffith on June 27th, 2001, to review possible routes East of Cline. Information will be provided to the COE to review and implement.

STATUS (Stage VII) – Northcote to Columbia:

1. LCRBDC has reviewed and submitted real estate drawings to the COE. Waiting for response.
2. **A public meeting for affected landowners has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 30th, 2002, 6:30 pm at the Wicker Park Social Center in Highland.**

STATUS (Stage VIII – Columbia to State Line (Both Sides of River)

1. A public meeting was held November 28th, 2001, at Wicker Park Social Center for landowners and those adjacent owners affected by the project. **The meeting complies with the Federal Regulation.**

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & E. Railroad to, and including, Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W – Ditch is South of NIPSCO R/W from Arbogast to Colfax.

1. Construction has been completed and the final inspection was held on August 30th, 2001. Minor turnover items and “as-built” drawings are due to the LCRBDC.

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North N.S. RR, then East (North of RR R/2) ½ between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:

1. Acquisition deadline of October 2001 has been extended to summer of 2002.
2. Appraisal addendums for two corporate landowners – Mansard Apartments and I-80/94 Auto Parts are complete. Offers, however, will not be sent because Burr Street levee costs are not creditable.

EAST REACH REMEDIATION AREA – (NORTH OF I-80/94, MLK TO I-65):

1. LCRBDC sent a letter to attorney on 10/16/01 to begin acquisition of properties on the tax sale. Attorney sent letter to Lake County Commissioners on 11/29/01 requesting 10 properties.

MITIGATION

1. **A meeting was held on December 12th, 2001, with representatives of the DNR, Shirley Heinze Foundation, National Lakeshore, COE and LCRBDC to discuss Hobart Marsh. National Lakeshore is willing to work with LCRBDC. Shirley Heinze Group will get back to LCRBDC on whether their initial 200 + properties will be a donation or require some kind of payment.**

Coughenour: 'I have a deep respect for what the Corps does'

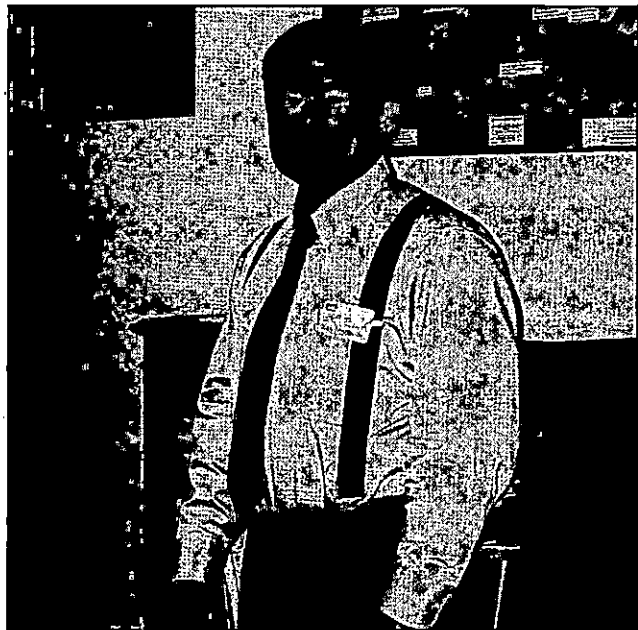
The Public Affairs Office had a chance to sit down with Ray Coughenour, the new deputy district engineer. Here's what Ray had to say:

I accepted this job because I have a deep respect for what the Corps does for the country both from a military and civilian side. I have a unique management style that is a combination of hands-on hands-off. I believe that every person in the district is qualified to do their job and do it well. I want to use my management skills to help enhance the great performance that is already here.

I have over 27 years total service in the military, including service in the Active Army and Army Reserve as a Corps of Engineer Officer. Retired status as a lieutenant colonel. Various assignments as a company commander of a Combat Engineer Company, battalion executive officer of a Combat Engineer Battalion and battalion commander of a Training Support Battalion, which was one of the first combined Active Army /Army Reserve / National Guard units in the entire Army. Overseas service included duty in Korea, Central Europe, Bosnia, Croatia, Central America.

Prior to coming here, I was the district business officer for District A of the Los Angeles Unified School District. My duties were the overall management of all non-instructional functions for 70 school facilities with over 70,000 students, with a 250 million dollar annual operating budget. A large portion of my specific duties were supervising the operations and maintenance for all these facilities and serving as the project manager for the construction of seven new schools, from site selection through planning, design and construction.

Before that I worked for DoD as the first regional business officer for Navy Region South Texas. I supervised the formation of this unique command that was the combination of three Navy Base Commands within a combined command structure. I served as the senior Navy civilian advisor and reported to the regional commander, a two-star Navy Admiral, who also was the chief of Naval Air Training for the entire Navy. In this position I supervised a very large reengineering project that reorganized all 22 functions involved in Base Operating Support for all three Navy bases and resulted in projected savings of \$55 million through FY2005. For this effort I was selected to attend the Navy Revolution in Business Affairs in Washington, D.C. as the only civilian representative for the Navy Education & Training Command which has over



Ray Coughenour.

20,000 civilian employees and is designated for civilians and officers with SES / Flag rank potential.

My civilian education includes a bachelor's degree in business from Northwood University in Michigan, a master's degree from Webster University in St. Louis, graduate work in economics from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, and graduate work in environmental science (hazardous waste management) from Purdue. I'm a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, and have taken the Army Corps of Engineer Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Army Petroleum Management Course, Army Facilities Managers Course, Nuclear Biological Chemical Officers Course and Battalion Commander Pre-Command Course.

I have been married almost 30 years to the former Madonna Dougan, who is a vice president of nursing in Redlands, Calif. We have two sons, Jason and Eric.

I have heard it is cold in Chicago but I have not seen it yet. So I guess I still got some time to buy an overcoat. Don't worry—I am from Cleveland. I arrived here at almost the exact time of day that the Bears stole the game from the Browns.

For those of you that I have not met, please stop by and say hello.

(Editors note: At press time, Ray was selected as colonel in the Army Reserve. Congratulations Ray!)

LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME OF MEETING: LCR BOC DATE: 1-3-02

LOCATION: CHAIRMAN:

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RECREATION REPORT

For meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2002

(Information in this report is from November 28, 2001 - December 26, 2001)

GENERAL STATEMENT:

- A. At this point in time, the existing construction contracts in the East Reach are almost all completed. The only remaining area of construction is the Betterment Levee – Phase II. No recreational trail work will resume until the next contract is awarded.
- B. Currently, the joint recreation venture with the Army Corps is completed; 90% of the completed east reach levees have stoned trails completed; the remainder of east reach trails are currently being coordinated and should be included in an upcoming recreation contract. The Corps will write us a letter requesting a change in this scheduling. (Still awaiting letter as of November 27th, 2001.)
 - It is anticipated that the next recreation contract may be in 2003-2004, and that the construction and real estate costs for this work would be delayed until that contract is ready to let.
 - A supplemental contract will be released as part of the Stage III remediation project in the late summer of 2001 that will include the paving of all ramps.

RECREATION - PHASE 1.

(This contract included recreational facilities for Lake Etta, Gleason Park, Stage III (trails), and the OxBow area in Hammond.

A. OXBOW (Hammond)

1. October 28th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the City of Hammond.

B. GLEASON PARK (Gary Parks & Recreation)

1. October 28th, 1998 was the date this facility was turned over to the Gary Parks and Recreation Department.

C. LAKE ETTA (Lake County Parks)

1. October 27th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the Lake County parks department.

D. CHASE STREET TRAIL (City of Gary)

1. October 27th, 1998 was the date that this facility was turned over to the City of Gary.

EAST REACH RECREATION

A. Recreation trail re-alignments will be required in the east reach due to conflicting land use plans with City of Gary, I.U. Northwest, or other regulatory groups. (Refer to general statement.)

1. **Broadway to Harrison Crossing: (Currently on hold until the next recreation contract.)**

- We received a letter of response from INDOT on October 18 indicating no concerns regarding the crossing at Broadway as long as we coordinate with the locals, and that a right-of-way permit with them would be required.
- We will be making application with the City of Gary to use the Broadway r/w (the existing sidewalks) on both sides to go South to 33rd Avenue to cross at the light.
- Upon completion of I.U. Northwest modifications on, and adjacent to, Broadway, we will install a permanent trail crossing south of the river and along the line of flood protection as originally proposed, and the temporary trails on the sidewalks on the Broadway right of way will be abandoned.

2. **Harrison to Grant Street Crossing: (Currently on hold until the next recreation contract.)**

- We received a letter from the City of Gary on July 11th, 2001, indicating that our proposal East of Gilroy Stadium to 32nd Avenue is the best use location from Harrison to Grant.
3. We submitted a request to Attorney Casale on August 3rd, along with a letter from the EJ&E RR to proceed with an agreement to allow us to install an at-grade recreation trail crossing East of Cline Avenue.
- We received a letter from the EJ & E on September 1st, 1999, allowing us to proceed along with their requirements. (To Lou at September 10th, 2001 utility coordination meeting.)
 - The scope of this work will be done as part of the Burr Street Phase 2 project instead of Stage VI-2.

WEST REACH RECREATION

A. **Cline Avenue Crossing:**

1. We had recreation coordination meetings with Highland and Griffith to determine trail re-locations which allow us to cross at Cline Avenue at Highway Avenue
 - A field meeting was held with Griffith on June 27th, 2001 to walk and review potential recreational trail adjustments east of Cline.
 - A meeting was held with Highland on July 5th, 2001, to review the recreation trail location west of Cline Ave. A follow-up meeting was held with the Cline Avenue Baptist Church on July 16th, 2001, to review the possibility of getting an easement across their property adjacent to Cline Ave.
2. A letter was sent to the COE on July 23rd, 2001 along with sketches showing the proposals and suggesting a meeting to review and discuss these locations.

B. Tri-State recreational trail tie-in for the Highland/Wicker Park/Erie Lackawanna Trail Systems: (Part of Stage V – Phase 2 construction.)

1. The COE modified the engineering and real estate drawings and submitted them to us at the Real Estate meeting on July 19th, 2001. It is still the intent to have this recreation trail on the land side. (Refer to Land Acquisition & Engineering Reports).
2. North Township – Wicker Park recreational trail alignment is being evaluated.
 - It was mentioned to re-locate the trail from between the golf courses to the existing trail along the West and South boundaries.
 - North Township would not have a problem, but are awaiting information from INDOT for impacts to Indianapolis Blvd. R/W which would cause their existing trail to be re-located. (Ongoing)
 - We had a meeting with Highland to discuss Highland/INDOT plans for drainage in this area (See Engineering Report).

C. A letter was sent to the Lake County Highway Dept. on December 28, 2000 requesting permission, and comments, to cantilever a walkway on the east side of the Kennedy Avenue bridge to allow our trail to be contiguous.

1. It was approved at our February 1st, 2001 Board meeting to contract with R.W. Armstrong to do a feasibility study for the pedestrian walkway and get an agreement at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.
 - It is our intent to include this construction as part of the Stage VI – Phase 1 contract.
 - **R.W. Armstrong submitted a cost to coordinate and design this walkway in the amount of \$26,000. The board deferred doing this work until a later date due to financial constraints. (See Stage VI-I Engineering Report.)**

D. Stage VIII Trails:

1. We received a letter from NICTD on October 15th, 2001 (dated October 9th) indicating problems with the location of our trail on their R/W under I-80/94.
 - They feel it is a safety concern and suggested we reroute our trail along their R/W to 173rd Street.
 - LCRBDC is currently contacting NICTD to do a review with the Corps, and SEH (Corps engineer) to discuss their request.

PROJECT ENGINEERING
MONTHLY STATUS REPORT
For meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2002

(Information in this report is from November 28, 2001 – December 26, 2001)

STATUS (Stage II Phase 1) Harrison to Broadway – North Levee:

1. Project completed on July 10, 1992.
Dyer Construction – Contract price \$365,524
2. Harrison Street – INDOT raising of bridge over I-80/94 approx. 7' at the bridge.
 - A. We received a request from INDOT for a ROE at Harrison Street, South of I-80/94 on August 9th, 2001 to get a field entrance for construction.
 - We submitted a letter to INDOT on August 20th, 2001, requesting more detail as to location of this property prior to our issuing a right-of-entry.
 - B. We sent a letter to INDOT on September 4th informing them that all design for any work that would impact our project should be coordinated with the COE (through Imad Samara) in order to comment on engineering.
 - C. We submitted a memo to the INDOT consulting engineer on November 30th, 2001, enclosing plats of the area & requesting information that would be part of a right of entry.

STATUS (Stage II Phase II) Grant to Harrison – South Levee:

1. Project completed on December 1, 1993.
Dyer/Ellas Construction – Contract price \$1,220,386

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3A) Georgia to Martin Luther King – South Levee:

1. Project completed on January 13, 1995.
Ramirez & Marsch Construction – Contract price \$2,275,023

Landscaping Contract (This contract includes all completed levee segments – installing, planting zones, seeding, and landscaping):

1. Dyer Construction – Final contract cost \$1,292,066
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$200,016Project completed June 11, 1999

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3B) Harrison to Georgia – South Levee:

1. Rausch Construction started on 11/20/95. (Construction is approx. 98% complete)
 - Current contract amount - \$3,477,249.66
 - Original contract amount - \$3,293,968.00
 - Amount overrun - \$183,281.66 (5.6%)
2. A final inspection with the LCRBDC and the COE will be scheduled for this entire portion of the project no later than **February of 2002.**

STATUS (Stage II Phase 3C2) Grant to Harrison: (8A contract)

1. The final inspection, and punch list items have been completed. We received a letter from the COE on November 22nd, 2000, indicating Webb Construction has completed this work in accordance with the provisions of the plans and specs.
 - Currently, \$3,915,178.36 has been spent on this project.
 - Overrun (over original bid) \$463,196
 - Balance (to be paid to contractor) \$189,875

STATUS (Stage II Phase 4) Broadway to MLK Drive – North Levee:

1. Project is approx. 98% completed. (All work is completed except for the pump station.)
 - Current contract amount - \$4,186,070.75
 - Original contract amount - \$3,089,692.00
 - Amount overrun - \$1,096,378 (36%)
2. A final inspection will be scheduled with the LCRBDC and the COE for this entire project, including the Ironwood stormwater pumping station, no later than **February, 2002.**

STATUS (STAGE III) Chase to Grant Street:

1. Project completed on May 6th, 1994.
Kiewit Construction – Contract price \$6,564,520.

STAGE III DRAINAGE REMEDIATION PLAN.

1. We received 100% plans and specs for review from the COE on November 1st, 2001, requesting comments no later than November 30th, 2001. **We submitted our comments to the COE on December 3rd, 2001. (Comments available upon request.)** 2
2. COE estimates approx. \$1 million to do this work. \$800,000 for ditches and pumps, \$50,000 to engineer an 18,500 GPM pump station West of Grant St. & remainder toward work with the City of Gary.
3. The scope of this project is to include the following:
 - A. Lift stations West of Grant to remediate drainage problems due to Stage III construction
 - B. East Reach remediation lift station for interior drainage
 - We received comments from the GSD on December 4th, 2001, that were submitted to the COE for their review. 3
 - Issue #19 questions the COE design of 1500 GPM sufficient. They feel good 4
 - GPM would be needed. (This could be a \$600,000 difference in cost.)
 - C. East Reach remediation demolition
 - D. Extending the combination sewer East of Grant Street, North to our line of protection
4. Tentative schedule is to advertise **January 2002** and start construction in **May** of 2002.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 - North) Cline to Burr (North of the Norfolk Southern Railroad:

1. IV-1 (North) The drainage system from Colfax to Burr Street North of the Norfolk Southern RR.
 - Current contract amount - \$3,013,910.52
 - Original contract amount - \$2,708,720.00

- Amount overrun - \$305,109 (11%)
- 2. The final inspection was held on August 30th, 2001, and tools & manuals were given to the LCRBDC.
- 3. Will still require "as-built" drawings, and minor punch list items need to be completed.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 1 – South) (South of the N.S. RR.)

1. Dyer Construction was low bidder. Given 450 days to complete
 - Current contract amount - **\$4,218,104.53**
 - Original contract amount - \$3,862,736.65
 - Amount overrun - **\$355,367 (9.2%)**
2. Overall construction is now complete. The COE did a preliminary walk-thru with the contractor on October 17th, 2001, to get a preliminary punch list.
 - When these items are completed, we will do a final inspection of this segment – anticipate this in December, 2001
 - An inspection is anticipated for Fall, 2001

3. **WIND Radio facilities:**

A. **Three outstanding issues need to be addressed that are new or existing.**

1. **WIND has damaged the completed levee segment and suggest that the cost to repair this could be done as part of the expense of repairing their ground system.** 5
 - We received a letter from the Army Corps Calumet office, along with photographs, dated December 17th, 2000 showing the levee before and after the damage. 6-7
 - The contractor completed their responsibility and the COE suggests we take necessary actions to repair.
2. **We received a letter from WIND on November 29th, 2001, along with receipts and cost breakdowns, requesting an increase for this utility re-locate from their original estimate of \$37,960.70 to \$53,900.** 8-9
 - We sent a letter to the COE and to Lou Casale on December 13th, 2001, suggesting coordination to resolve these issues. 10
3. **The remaining issue concerns their letter of September 17th, 2001, requesting that we fence an "open pond" we created for drainage as well as fencing to secure their property from trespassers to get river access.** 11
 - At our October board meeting, the commissioners made and approved a motion to fence the pond but not their property.
4. **We received modification #16 for a supplemental cost to the contract in the amount of \$32,510.56, which increases the total contract to \$4,218,104.52.** 12

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2A) Burr to Clark – Lake Etta:

1. Dyer Construction-95% complete.
 - Current contract amount - \$3,504,445.80
 - Original contract amount - \$2,473,311.50
 - Amount overrun - \$1,031,134 (42%)
2. The North Burr Street stormwater pumping station has been completed.
 - A. A meeting was held on February 8th, 2000, with the COE and GSD to review design and installation of auxiliary power hook-up with a portable generator.

- B. All electric has been completed, the metal building is installed, and the total project is done except for some minor trench settling. We will be scheduling an inspection with GSD/WREP in early **January 2002**.
- C. Austgen Electric is the contractor.

STATUS (Stage IV Phase 2B) Clark to Chase

1. The final inspection was held with the COE and Dyer Construction on July 23rd, 2001, and we received the O&M Manuals.
2. Project money status:
 - Current contract amount - \$1,938,357.86
 - Original contract amount - \$1,530,357.50
 - Amount overrun - \$408,000 (27%)

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 1) E.J. & E. Railroad to, and including Colfax North of the NIPSCO R/W (Drainage from Arbogast to Colfax, South of NIPSCO R/W):

1. The bid opening was held on May 9th, 2000
 - The low bidder is Dyer Construction.
 - Current contract amount - \$2,228,652.16
 - Original contract amount - \$2,074,072.70
 - Amount overrun - \$113,604.62 (6%)
2. The final inspection was held on August 30th, 2001, with minor punch list items to be completed. Manuals and tools, and “as-built” drawings will be turned over to LCRBDC.
3. The drainage ditch north of the Mansards is having sloughing problems that should be corrected when Burr Street Phase II is completed.

STATUS (Betterment Levee – Phase 2) Colfax to Burr Street, then North NSRR, then East (North of RR R/W) ½ between Burr and Clark, back over the RR, then South approx. 1,400 feet:

1. We wrote a letter to the COE on May 21st, 2001, requesting final information for all utility re-locates in order that we may proceed with agreements.
 - We received an email from the COE on November 20th, 2001, indicating that this project is currently on hold and that they are concentrating their efforts on other segments.
2. We received plans and specifications from the COE on July 11th, 2001. A “plan-in-hand” meeting was held on July 31st, 2001, and our final comments were submitted to the COE on August 7th, 2001. (These comments are available upon request).
3. The projected government estimate for this project is approximately \$3.6 million.
 - LCRBDC needs to review spending through 2003 (this biennium) to establish priorities. The \$5.5 million may not allow this construction if land acquisition and utility re-locates in the West Reach exceed original cost estimates.
 - We included the Land Acq., utility re-locates, and our portion for construction into this biennium, but are pursuing the possibility of making this project part of the flood control project (not a betterment).

STATUS (Stage V Phase 1) Wicker Park Manor:

1. Project completed on September 14, 1995.
Dyer Construction – Contract price \$998,630
2. Phillips Pipeline directional bore under the existing levee is currently being engineered by Phillips. Awaiting their design and cost by June, 2001.
 - As of March 23, 2001, a temporary hold has been put on this engineering request due to current funding restrictions. **This will be done at a later date as part of the V-2 construction.**

STATUS (Stage V Phase 2):

1. With the approved \$5.5 million for this biennium and with \$5.5 million assumed for the next biennium, we project a fall, 2005 advertising date.
2. A utility coordination meeting was held on November 16th, 2000 with all pipelines, utilities, etc. that will be impacted in the NIPSCO corridor West of Kennedy Ave.
 - A. We have received cost information from the pipeline companies to do the work necessary to accommodate I-walls. The total cost in this corridor and for 2 directional bores west of the RR will total approximately \$1.1 million.
 - B. We made a request to NIPSCO on August 22nd for copies of all subordinated agreements with other pipelines to allow our attorney to review their responsibilities to repair or modify their pipelines.
 - We received copies of (3) of the (9) different pipelines on August 31st.
3. We received a letter of request from North Township on July 9th, 2001 to re-align the levees adjacent to Hart Ditch further Westward to allow more room to develop property on the Wicker Park Golf Course.
 - Currently, the design will require 300' between center lines of levees, the layout has the levee on Wicker Park approx. 220' East of Hart Ditch and the levee on the Munster side approx. 80' West of Hart Ditch.
 - This is due, on the Munster side, to the limitations of real estate, and to the proximity of residential dwellings.
 - The meeting with Munster and North Township was held on July 19th, 2001. It appears North Township will try to minimize impacts to the Munster side if the COE might do some considerations.
4. We requested an email from Highland/COE regarding drainage concerns with INDOT in the area around and adjacent to the Tri-State Bus terminal.
 - A meeting was held with the COE, INDOT, LCRBD, North Township and Highland on June 14th, 2001, to review these drainage concerns.
 - A potential exists to partner between Highland, North Township and INDOT to build a pump station in the ditch area West of Tri-State.
 - We received a letter from the COE dated May 24th, 2001 (on July 3rd) indicating to INDOT that the ponding in this area is likely to be substantially greater and it would be in the best interest of the community if they would include a pumping unit.
 - We are gathering information on hydrology from Highland, North Township (Wicker Park) – to be provided by the COE and INDOT. (Ongoing)
 - **We received a call from North Township (Greg Cvitkovich) on December 19th, 2001, requesting a meeting with the COE, INDOT, and Highland to review and discuss the status of INDOT's proposal in this area.**

5. We received a request from the COE on September 26th, 2001, to obtain additional information on the pipeline corridor for locations and elevations.
 - We received a quote from GLE for the survey work at a cost not to exceed \$3500.
 - We met Badger Daylighting on October 18th, 2001, to review scope of work. We received a letter on November 12th, 2001, indicating they could do the pipe exposing for \$12,200 during dry conditions and \$37,000 in wet conditions.

STATUS (Stage V Phase 3) Woodmar Country Club:

1. Refer to Land Acquisition report for status of appraisal process and revised schedule.
 - As per our June 7th, 2000 partnering meeting, the schedule shows a March 2002 advertising date. This date will be pushed back due to funding restrictions even if we get the \$5.5 million for this biennium. The construction sequence due to hydrology will push construction back in the schedule.
2. Appraisal work ongoing (refer to Land Acquisition report).
3. **This project will be done after all other construction between Cline Ave. and Northcote is completed due to hydrology concerns with installing the control structure as part of the project.**

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 1 (Cline to Kennedy – North of the river, and Kennedy to Liable, South of the river.):

1. Legal descriptions North of the river have been completed by GLE, and legals South of the river have been completed by DLZ.
 - A. Legals have been done for Hammond, HSD, and Hammond Parks between the Highlands Apartments and the S.E. Hessville Pump Station.
 - These lands include approx. 62 acres of ownership and when the appraisal is completed, we will coordinate with Hammond for turnover of these lands for our project.
 - B. Highland properties were completed (plats & legals) by DLZ and given to Dale Kleszynski (appraiser) at our July 19th, 2001 Real Estate meeting. (Approx. 62 acres.) See Land Acq. Report.
 - C. Preliminary appraisal work has been completed for the Kennedy Industrial Park area (see Land Acq. Report).
2. A letter was sent to the COE on November 15th, 2001, requesting a list of all utilities, locations, costs, etc. in order that we may proceed with utility re-location agreements in a timely manner.
3. **We received a proposal from R.W. Armstrong dated December 4th, 2001, for a cost of \$26,000, to design a cantilevered pedestrian walkway onto the East side of the existing Kennedy Ave. bridge.** 13-14
 - **At our December 6th, 2001 board meeting, the commissioners suggested we put this on hold due to financial constraints.**
4. **A letter was sent to Krosan Enterprises on November 28th, 2001, requesting a written response to indicate how much area would be needed to allow traffic flow South of his building.** 15

STATUS Stage VI – Phase 2 (Liable to Cline – South of the river.):

1. Rani Engineering was awarded the A/E contract by the COE in January 2000. (They are out of St. Paul, Minnesota.)
2. We received a letter from INDOT to Rani Engineering on January 8, 2001 indicating their concerns regarding culverts & recreational proposals.
 - A. A meeting was held with RANI, the COE, INDOT, and the LCRBDC on April 11, 2001 to review these and other engineering issues.
 - INDOT agreed we could cross Cline Avenue at the existing light at Highway Avenue. (See Recreation Report).
 - B. We are at the **100%** level of review – **some** issues to still be resolved. The COE agreed we would have one more opportunity to review and comment prior to **their finalization of plans & specs.**
 - Highland submitted a letter to the COE on August 20th requesting re-consideration of design regarding storm sewers and drainage changes & responsibilities to modify and construct.
 - C. **We received plans & specs. From the COE on November 29th, 2001, requesting that we complete our review no later than January 11, 2002.** 16
 - **We distributed (2) sets to Highland for their review.**
 - D. **It is the intent of the COE to advertise this segment simultaneously and separately from Stage VI – 1.**

STATUS (Stage VII) Northcote to Columbia:

1. The final contract with Earth Tech to do the A/E work for this stage/phase of construction was signed and submitted by the COE on December 21st, 1999.
2. We received a request for a 75% review from the COE on January 16, 2001 along with their comments and responses to our 50% review.
 - We sent a letter to the COE on February 1 with comments to their 75% submittal indicating a number of concerns and requesting another review opportunity prior to the 100% review.
3. A public meeting will be scheduled with Hammond and Munster. (This will be after the 75% BCOE review process). Tentatively the end of January, 2002.

STATUS (Stage VIII) Columbia to the Illinois State Line):

1. The A/E award was given to S.E.H. (Short, Elliot & Henderson Inc.)
2. A public meeting was held at the Wicker Park Social Center for Hammond and Munster on November 28th, 2001, to gather public information and to answer questions.
3. A letter was sent to the Lake County Highway Dept. on November 20th, 2001, requesting that our concrete closure slab on Hohman Ave. be incorporated into their bridge project which is scheduled to start on April 1st, 2002.
 - **A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 3rd, 2001 at the Lake County Highway office to review design and scheduling.**
4. We received a letter from NICTD dated October 9th, 2001 with the engineering/recreational design concerns in the area under I-80/94.
 - **We have been working on a meeting with NICTD and the COE to discuss their letter of October 9th, 2001.**

East Reach Remediation Area – North of I-80/94, MLK to I-65:

1. Project cost information
 - Current contract amount - \$1,873,784.68
 - Current contract amount - \$1,657,913.00
 - Amount overrun - \$215,971 (13%)
2. A final inspection was held with the COE and Dyer Construction on July 23rd, 2001 and we received copies of the O&M manuals.
 - We received “as-built” drawings from the COE on June 25th and distributed to the city of Gary on June 27th.

Mitigation (Construction Portion) for “In Project” Lands:

1. We received copies of the final submittal of the drawings and specifications for 29th & Hanley, Black Oak, and Chase St. wetlands sites from the Conservation Design Forum on September 28th, 2001 (dated September 24th, 2001).
 - LCRBDC did not have the opportunity to coordinate at the 50% level.
2. The COE is anticipating to advertise this portion of construction in **December 2001**, and start construction in **May** of 2002.
3. This includes 29th & Hanley, areas between levees West of Chase and East of Clark.
 - **There may be potential to eliminate 29th & Hanley due to economic justification or zoning objections by the City of Gary. (See Land Acq. Report.)**
4. They are proposing to use the most qualified contractor rather than bidding it out. The contractor will need a botanist.
 - This is projected to be a \$1 million contract – our portion at 25% is \$250,000, and the Corps anticipates we need to contribute 60% this biennium (approx. \$150,000).
5. A letter was written by Mayor King to Colonel Roncoli on November 10th, 2001, requesting Gary lands be used for mitigation rather than Hobart Marsh (asking for a re-evaluation).

West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1A:

1. The four (4) pump stations that are included in this initial West Reach pump station project are Baring, Walnut, S. Kennedy, and Hohman/Munster.
2. Low bidder was Overstreet Construction. Notice to proceed was given on November 7th, 2000 – 700 work days to complete (Oct. 2002)
 - Current contract amount - \$4,638,400.00
 - Original contract amount - \$4,638,400.00
 - Amount overrun – none
3. A pre-construction meeting was held on November 27th, 2000, to discuss scheduling, establish points of contact, and coordination.
 - Baring started July 2001, Hohman/Munster in August 2001, and S. Kennedy and Walnut in September 2001. Anticipated completion is October 2002.
4. **Baring Pump Station**
 - 5% complete
 - 2 pumps on site
 - concrete work starting

Walnut Pump Station

- 6% complete
- 3 pumps currently being re-built
- Electric demolition begun

S. Kennedy Pump Station

- 5% complete
- One pump being re-built
- Concrete pads being constructed

Hohman/Munster Pump Station

- 5% complete
- Electric demolition ongoing
- 2 pumps installed and ready for operation
- 2 additional pumps received and ready for installation

5. We received **the last** status report from the COE on November 26th, 2001.
6. **A coordination meeting was held on December 18th, 2001, with the COE, LCRBDC, NIPSCO, HSD and Overstreet to review service upgrades for each pump station.** 17
 - NIPSCO will engineer each station, provide a cost estimate, enter into agreements with HSD for upgrades & with the LCRBDC for any utility re-locates.
7. **Received (2) administrative changes for additional money available for payment in the amount of \$200,000 – money now available \$1,031,592.59.** 18-19

West Reach Pump Stations – Phase 1B:

1. The Two (2) pump stations included in this contract are S.E. Hessville (Hammond), and 81st Street (Highland). **Overall project is 99% complete.**
 - A. A final inspection was held for both stations on September 18th, 2001. We received a letter that day listing key turnover items.
 - B. We received an email from the COE on November 7th, 2001, indicating that we will be receiving the final O&M Manuals in the near future.
2. Thieneman Construction from Griffith, IN was the successful bidder.
 - Current contract amount - \$2,120,730.12
 - Original contract amount - \$1,963,400.00
 - Amount overrun - \$157,330 (9%)
3. We received **the last** status report from the COE on November 26th, 2001.

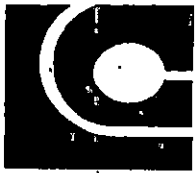
North Fifth Avenue Pump Station:

1. The low bidder was Overstreet Construction
 - Current contract amount - \$2,387,500.0
 - Original contract amount - \$2,387,500.00
 - Amount overrun - none
2. A pre-construction meeting was held on May 21st with Overstreet Construction, town of Highland, COE, NIPSCO, and the LCRBDC.
 - There are currently 10 pumps and all of these will be replaced with new and will be coordinated with the town of Highland.
3. We received **the last** status report from the COE on November 26th, 2001.

4. **We received a request for an administrative change in the amount of \$100,000, which makes money available for payment \$250,000.**

GENERAL:

1. Utility Re-locations:
 - A. On June 20, 2001, a utility coordination meeting was held with the LCRBDC and the COE to discuss utility status and how to track each relocation.
 - Compensability for utility relocations was discussed and milestones were presented for review to Don Valk and the COE on March 20, 2001.
 - **Another meeting needs to be scheduled to update status of all West Reach utilities as well as compensability.**
2. The Gary Sanitary District/White River Environmental Group has had engineering/hydrology and maintenance concerns with our design and installation for flood protection that they feel needs to be addressed prior to them agreeing to any O&M responsibility. (See Land Management Report.)
 - **The COE was requested to answer these final (5) issues in early September, 2001 – no reports as of December 27th, 2001.**
3. An Engineering Committee meeting was held on November 13th, 2001, to review a tentative list of cost savings issues for our project.
 - A. These included reviews of our rights and entitlements of our 75' drainage easement, re-channeling of the river to lessen impacts to property owners, hydrology changes near the state line due to Cady Marsh modifications and the Thornton Quarry, and re-consideration of our approach to Woodmar Country Club.
 - B. **We sent a letter to the COE on December 6th, 2001 enclosing information, maps, sketches, and some FDM 5 data that are pertinent to our "tentative list of cost saving items".**
 - **We asked the COE to review these and then to provide "VE" information to Jim Flora to allow us to provide economic justification.**
4. **A letter was sent to the COE on December 12th, 2001, indicating that we have been made aware that over 600,000 additional cubic yards of clay will be available to Northwest Indiana and that, accordingly, we request removing the Clark-Chase borrow site as the designated site on future projects.**
5. **We received a letter from the Lake County Surveyor on December 21, 2001 regarding the status of the Hartsdale Pond.**



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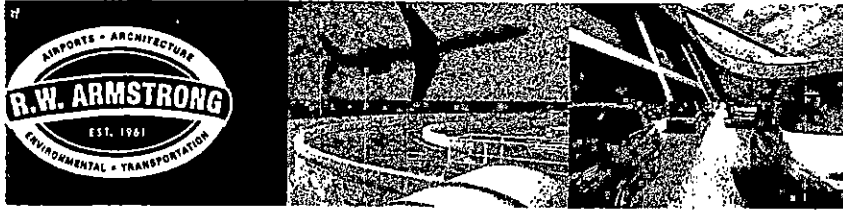
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Attorney

TO: Harry Fox, Transportation Consulting Engineers
FROM: Jim Pokrajac, Agent, Land Management/Engineering
DATE: November 30, 2001

As per our conversation of November 30th, I am enclosing a copy of the letter to Greg Kicinski, dated September 4th, 2001, regarding INDOT's proposal for raising the Harrison Street overpass. I am also enclosing copies of the property plats on the adjacent lands showing the boundaries of the lots and blocks in that area. Prior to INDOT doing work in this area, you need to secure a right-of-entry for the designated lands which are shown on the attachment before you start any work. Will you please mark up the enclosed plats showing where you propose to get access or to construct in this area. Upon receipt of this information, we will review the request with our attorney and submit an agreement to you for your appropriate signatures.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above number.

/sjm
attach.



December 3, 2001

Mr. Imad Samara
Programs & Project Management Division
Project Management Branch
Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606-7206

Re: Little Calumet River Levee Project
Stage III Drainage Remediation
100% BCOE Plans and Specifications

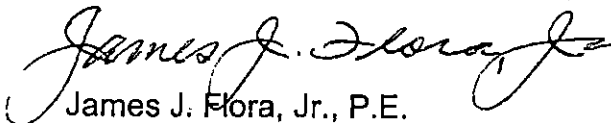
Dear Mr. Samara:

We have reviewed the 100% Plans and Specifications for the Stage III Drainage Remediation Project with Mr. Jim Pokrajac of the LCRBDC. Please recall that at the time of 50% review the plans were very incomplete and in fact did not even include one-third of the plan sheets. At that time we alerted you to the fact that our 100% comments might contain comments which might require significant changes or redesign. See attached copy of our April 12, 2001 letter which accompanied our 50% comments.

With that in mind, we are transmitting with this letter our comments on the 100% BCOE Plans and Specifications. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

R. W. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, INC.


James J. Flora, Jr., P.E.
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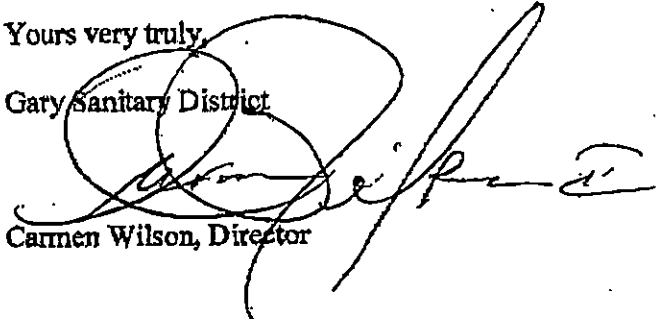
Dear Mr. Samara:

We have reviewed the plans and specifications for the subject project identified at 100 percent completion. The review comments are attached hereto. The GSD also has concerns regarding telemetry (and interfacing with the "flood monitoring and warning system"), possible rain gauge installation, site accessibility and site security, site lighting etc..

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project.

Yours very truly,

Gary Sanitary District


Carmen Wilson, Director

Jhn/jhn

c: GSD Board of Commissioners
Mr. James B. Meyer, GSD Attorney
Mr. James B. Pokrajac, LCRBDC
Mr. James Flora, P.E., R.W. Armstrong
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13. Drawing E-01:

- Will the opening direction of the access hatch interfere with removal of the pumps?
- Does the "on" position shown for the pump switch on the Annunciation Panel refer to the "automatic" position?
- If the level transducer malfunctions, would back-up floats be advised?

14. Drawing E-02:

- Why does Section B-B show the MCC panel?
- Will the opening direction of the access hatch interfere with removal of the pumps?
- Drawing E-02 has no Electrical Notes or Legend, why? If E-01 and E-02 are similar in electrical design, then drawings should represent this.
- Does the "on" position shown for the pump switch on the Annunciation Panel refer to the automatic position?
- If the level transducer malfunctions, would back-up floats be advised?

15. Section 00010, Item 0001BX: Field office item. Is the field office covered by the South Grant Street Improvement Project?

16. Section 01100-1.13a:

- Add Mr. Carmen Wilson as a Gary Sanitary District Point of Contact.
- Provide Point of Contact information for Steel City Truck Stop.

17. Section 01100-Appendix A: Provide Sieve Analysis information.

18. Section 01100-Appendix B: Provide Hydraulic Data for Levee Location.

19. A Contract Document Review of the Marshalltown Levee Project from the Gary Sanitary District to the COE and LCRBDC, dated June 24, 1999, recommended that the Marshalltown Stormwater Pumping Station have a firm capacity of 13 MGD to minimize surface water ponding in the Marshalltown area. Is the capacity of the proposed station, installed 1500 gpm / firm 750 gpm, sufficient?

150K to 1M

GSD REQUEST
→ 9000 GPM.COE DESIGN
1500 GPM
50-100K

Sandy Mordus

From: "Paul Easter" <pauleaster@pobox.com>
To: "Jim Pokrajak" <littlecal@nirpc.org>
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2001 3:16 PM
Subject: Letter you requested

Dear Mr. Pokrajak,

Pursuant to your request, the only issues that WIND has remaining are:

Payment of the invoice we recently sent.

The invoice you received represents the expenses WIND has incurred so far. This also included a detailed report of the construction activities that occurred at the WIND site to replace the ground system.

The second issue is the condition of the soil and grass following replacement of our copper radials, as brought to our attention by Ed Karwatka.

This could not be avoided. We waited until Dyer construction gave us the go ahead before starting. When we got started, the weather was very bad. Because of almost constant rain, mud and the steepness of the levee, more soil and grass was disturbed than we'd expected. We originally attempted get the radials installed with the tractor we'd planned and ended up using a bulldozer. The tractor could not get through the mud or up the steep slopes of the muddy levee. We had to constantly pump water to keep the area workable. Essentially we were working in a river bed. CBC, under the circumstances made the best of the situation and got it done. The WIND signal is back to normal. If there are repairs that need to be done to the levee, please do this as part of the expense of repairing our ground system. We are done with the repairs to the ground system that would go over the levee.

All things considered we have been happy with the cooperation enjoyed during this project and hope we can help wrap this up soon.

Thanks,

Paul Easter
SBE CSRE + CBNT
312-654-5341

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12/17/2001

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
111 NORTH CANAL STREET
CHICAGO, IL 60606-7206

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEC 17 2001

Construction-Operations Division
Calumet Area Office

SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW27-00-C-0015
Local Flood Protection
Little Calumet River, Indiana
Stage IV; Phase 1-South
Damage to Levees in the Vicinity of the WIND Facility

Mr. James E. Pokrajac
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Mr. Pokrajac:

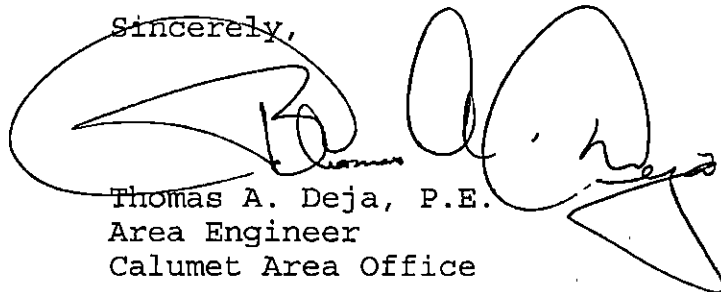
This letter documents the Corps of Engineers' previous telephone calls to you regarding damages to the levee and turf in the vicinity of the WIND facility. As background information, the Contractor has substantially completed work on the levee in this area. Two photographs showing the condition of the levee on October 15, 2001 are attached. (The date on which the photograph was taken is shown in yellow text in the lower right corner.) These photographs were taken before WIND operators installed the radial underground wires from the transmission towers across the levee. As shown on these photographs, the levee was complete and the turf in good condition in mid-October 2001.

Seven photographs taken on December 13, 2001, after WIND operators installed the radial underground wires across the levee, are also attached. As shown on these photographs, the topsoil surface and the turf of the levee have been damaged.

The Contract-required work was acceptably completed, but the levee was subsequently damaged, apparently by WIND operators. It is requested that you take the appropriate actions to restore the levee to its acceptable condition, as documented in the October 15, 2001 photographs.

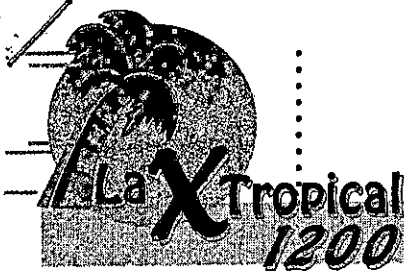
If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Ed Karwatka or Douglas Anderson at (219) 923-1763/4.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Thomas A. Deja, P.E.
Area Engineer
Calumet Area Office

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TEL 312.654.5380 FAX 312.654.0091

November 29, 2001

Dan Gardner, Executive Director
Little Calumet River Basin
Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

Dear Dan:

As per our agreement dated January 1, 2000, the Little River Calumet Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) is to reimburse WIND for expenses relating to ground system replacement/repairs. We had provided an estimate, which was approximately \$37,960.70, however this estimate was based upon the assumption that we could dig a trench at the edge of your work area and cut the ground wires, to prevent the destruction of the entire run of copper back to the towers, from being removed along with the topsoil. This trench rendered useless when it was subsequently covered by your contractor. In addition, we did mention that we did believe that the costs for replacement would be greater than set forth in the original estimate. Most of the work had to be re-done due to the yearlong wait. We were set back due to the Army Corps delaying this project for nearly a year. As a result, we experienced many complications and weather delays. I have attached the invoice we received from CBC Engineering for this project, which totals \$53,900. I have also included an invoice from Metal Services, which is the cost of the copper wire and copper strap for the ground system replacement project.

Sincerely,

Daisy K. Weiner
Business Manager

Cc: Paul Easter-Chief Engineer
Jerry Ryan-General Manager

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Costs of the Project:

The original budget was set up using standard costs for ground system repairs. We were set back due to the year long Army Corps delay, many complications and weather delays. The only way we could bill this project was on time and materials.

1) Machine costs.

There were multiple machines used during this project. Each machine is listed and what costs were associated with it.

a) D-6 LGP Dozer: used for clearing of site and covering of radials and trench. Also used to pull plow over burn. Total costs for 6 weeks \$ 1,750.00 weekly = \$ 10,500.00

b) New Holland Excavator : Used for digging the cable and strap trench and culvert trench. Total costs for 3 weeks \$ 2,200.00 weekly = \$ 6,600.00

c) Cat 246 Skidsteer : Used for pulling plow and general dirt movement. Also used for building road. Total costs for 7 weeks \$ 650.00 weekly = \$ 4,550.00

d) Cat Vibrator Roller : Used for compacting the road and creating a good base for our copper strap run. A very critical machine. Total costs for 6 weeks \$ 1,450.00 weekly = \$ 8,700.00

e) Kubota M6800 Tractor : Used for plowing in the radials.

Total cost for 7 weeks \$ 650.00 weekly = \$4,550.00

Total for Equipment Rental = \$ 34,500.00

Labor rate of \$ 2,000.00 weekly for 7 weeks = \$ 14,000.00

Total for rock, 20 loads at \$250.00 a load (\$10.00 a ton) = \$ 5,000.00

Total For Ground Radial Repair \$ 53,900.00



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LOUIS CASALE
Attorney

TO: Imad Samara, ACOE
Lou Casale, Attorney, LCRBDC

FROM: Jim Pokrajac

SUBJECT: WIND Additional Monetary Request

DATE: December 13, 2001

I have enclosed a copy of a transmittal from Daisy Weiner, Business Manager for WIND Radio, dated November 20, 2001 requesting additional money for WIND field coordination on their property during construction. This is one of several issues WIND has brought to our attention requesting either additional money, installation of fencing, or relief of liability during flood events. We feel that we should have a meeting or a conference call to discuss these issues in order to resolve the final expenditures to close out this segment of our project. It has also been brought to my attention that WIND has declined to repair damage to already-completed construction on the site and we are awaiting a letter from the COE indicating the entirety of what these damages are.

At our December 11th Real Estate meeting, we briefly discussed that we do need to obtain signed easement agreements with WIND and we feel that these issues need to be discussed and resolved before we can proceed with these agreements. Please contact me in order that we may establish a day and time convenient to all of us.

/sjm
encl.

cc: Tom Deja, ACOE



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Rec'd 9-17-01

9/7/01

Dear Jim,

My company would like to have the LCRBDC fence the pond and river access on the north side of our property. The public needs to be protected from this hazard. Prior to the commencement of your work there was no access to water on our property that was not blocked by trees and thick underbrush. Now that that barrier is gone, there is a risk of drowning, especially to children. We have had problems with trespassing that have increased since the area was cleared of the trees and thick underbrush. I will be in the area on the 18th and would like to discuss plans to protect the public from this hazard. I am always available on my cellphone at 312-656-9659 if you need to talk to me before then.

Sometime around October 8th we will start the replacement of the antenna ground system that was damaged when the levee was installed on the south end of our property. When we spoke last, you stated that you were trying to wind down this project. We will not be able to present you with a bill for the expenses of replacing our antenna ground system until the end of September. Is this going to be soon enough? If not, we need to work something out.

Thank you,

Paul Easter
Chief Engineer
WIND Radio



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• STAGE IV - I SOUTH - MOD. #16
• SUPPLEMENTAL COST

26 NOV 2001

CELRC-CO-S (1180-1-1q)

• INCREASE BY \$32,510.56 TO INCREASE
TOTAL CONTRACT TO \$4,218,104.52

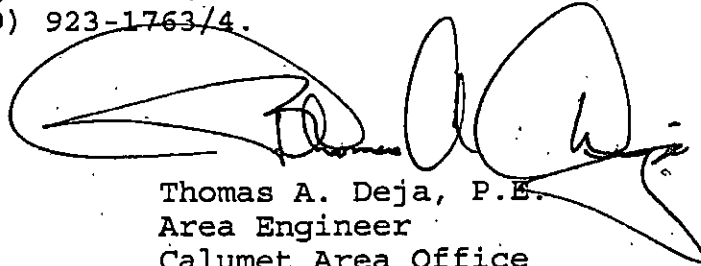
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• INCLUDES MISC. RIP-RAP, FENCING, TOPSOIL, ETC.

SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW27-00-C-0015
Local Flood Protection
Stage IV; Phase I-South
Little Calumet River, Indiana
Modification No. P00016 - Executed

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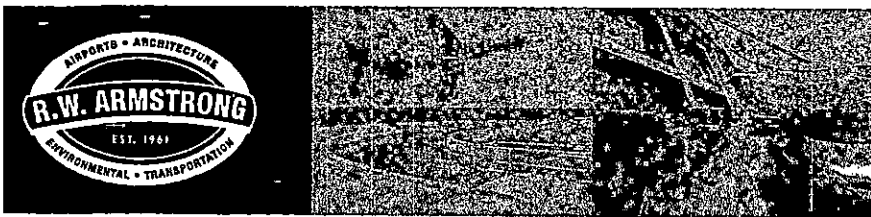


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✓ LCRBDC (Mod. Only) J. Pokrajac



December 4, 2001

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering
Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN. 46368

RE: Kennedy Ave. Over Little Calumet River Pedestrian Walkway

Dear Jim:

Thank you for allowing us to submit this proposal for design services for the above mentioned project. A manhour fee justification is included for your review listing the required activities with associated hours per manhour classification. Our proposed lump sum fee is \$26,000 to perform this work. This fee is for the option of attaching a permanent concrete walkway to the existing bridge, Lake County Bridge #143. This is Option #1 in the April 5, 2001 Feasibility Study.

We can start this project at your convenience and will meet your letting schedule for late next year. We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions please call me at 1-800-321-6959 ext. 133.

Sincerely,

R. W. ARMSTRONG & ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott F. Hornsby".

Scott F. Hornsby
Director Of Transportation

Attachment

**LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
KENNEDY AVE OVER LITTLE CALUMET RIVER (LAKE BR. #143)
BRIDGE WIDENING OPTION**

PLAN SUBMITTAL		MANHOURS PER EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION			
Item/Activity	Director	Project Manager	Project Engineer	CAD Manager	CAD Technician
COORDINATION & DESIGN					
Coordination with Lake County	4	4	4		
DNR Constr. In a Floodway Permit Appl.		4	8	2	
Meetings/Site Visits	8	8			
Beam Design & Superstructure		4	8		
Substructure & Piling Design		8	12		
Existing Structure Analysis		8	12		
Railing Design		4	8		
PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS					
Existing Structure Removals & Tie-Ins		4	4	4	8
Proposed Structure Details		16	16	40	40
Summary & Title Sheets		4	4	4	8
Quantity Calculations		4	8	8	
Special Provisions	2	4	8		
Final Construction Cost Estimate	2	4	4	4	
TOTAL HOURS	16	76	96	62	56
HOURLY RATE	\$125.00	\$110.00	\$85.00	\$65.00	\$55.00
TOTALS	\$2,000.00	\$8,360.00	\$8,160.00	\$4,030.00	\$3,080.00

SUMMATION OF ABOVE TOTALS	\$25,630.00		
MISC. (MILEAGE, PRINTING, ETC.)	\$300.00		
DNR PERMIT APPLICATION FEE	\$50.00		
TOTAL LUMP SUM FEE	\$25,980.00	USE	\$26,000.00



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November 28, 2001

Mr. D. L. Santacaterina
KROSAN ENTERPRISES
8412 S. Wilmette, Suite D
Darien, Illinois 60561

Dear Mr. Santacaterina:

As per our recent conversations, we have still not received, in writing and with appropriate sketches or drawings, your request to reserve traffic area south of your existing building located between Kennedy Avenue and Cline Avenue south of I-80/94. Please forward a detailed written request as soon as possible so that it can be presented to the Development Commission and the Corps of Engineers for their consideration.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm

cc: Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney
Imad Samara, Corps of Engineers
Jim Flora, R. W. Armstrong Company
Judy Vamos, LCRBDC



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Chicago District

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To: James E Pokrajac
Little Calumet River Basin Development
Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, Indiana 46368

From: Imad Samara

Subject: Little Calumet River, Stage VI
Phase 2

Date November 29, 2001

Attn:

X

No. of Copies	
3	Stage VI- Phase 2 Plans
3	Stage VI- Phase 2 Specifications

Sent to you for the following reason:

For Approval

Review Completed

Revise and Resubmit

X For Your Use

Not Reviewed

Returned

For Review and Comment

Other:

Remarks: Please review the 100% BCOE Set of Plans and specifications for the Stage VI-2

Please provide your comments in the COE format By January 11, 2002.

Copy To: File

Signed:

Imad N. Samara, Project Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
111 North Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206, (312) 353-6400 Ext. 1809, FAX (312) 353-2156

AGENDA

DECEMBER 18, 2001 UTILITY COORDINATION MEETING PHASE 1A PUMP STATIONS REHABILITATION DACW27-00-C-0001

1. Introductions

- Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission -- Jim Pokrajac
- Hammond Sanitary District -- Rick Sutton
- NIPSCO -- Frank Janosi, Jim FITZER
- Overstreet Electric Company, Inc. (Prime Contractor) -- Bill Kuss, Mike Gilbert, Clyde McCutcheon
- Austgen Electric Company (Electrical Subcontractor) -- Kelly Gibbs
- Corps of Engineers -- Imad Samara, Tom Deja, Ernesto Go, Bob Craib, Doug Anderson

2. Overview of Work

- Refurbishment of four active pump stations operated by Hammond Sanitary District (HSD).
- Minimum pumping capacity must be maintained throughout work. Contractor must coordinate with NIPSCO and HSD to ensure required pumping capacity is maintained and to ensure that necessary power is available.
- The Contractor will furnish and install new metering cabinets, wiring, weather heads, wiring, conduits, etc. at all four stations. Contractor will also install new meters and sockets furnished by NIPSCO at all four stations.
- Baring Ave. Pump Station -- Baring Ave. will need new transformers because of the voltage change from 240 to 480/277 V, 3 phase, 4 wire. The existing transformer poles will need to be relocated or removed to allow work on the pump discharge box.
- Hohman/Munster Pump Station -- Hohman Munster will need new transformers because of the voltage change from 240 to 480/277 V, 3 phase, 4 wire.
- South Kennedy Pump Station -- There already is a 480V, 3 phase service present at South Kennedy. Transformers may or may not need to be changed because of the new loads, depending on NIPSCO's assessment of capacity and demand.
- Walnut Ave. Pump Station -- There already is a 480V, 3 phase service present at South Kennedy. Transformers may or may not need to be changed because of the new loads, depending on NIPSCO's assessment of capacity and demand.

3. Future Activities

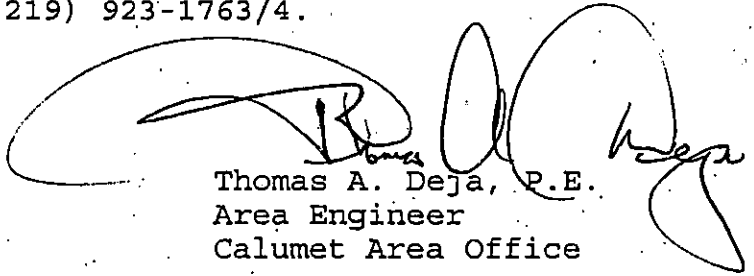
- Contractor coordination with NIPSCO throughout procurement and installation phases.
- HSD and/or LCRBDC coordination with NIPSCO to address financial aspects of utility company work.
- Any other NIPSCO or LCRBDC needs?

CELRC-CO-S (1180-1-1q)

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SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW27-01-C-0001
Little Calumet River
Pump Stations Rehabilitation, Phase 1A
Hammond Sanitary District
Lake County, Indiana
Modification No. P00007 - Executed

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LCRBDC ✓ (Mod. Only) J. Pokrajac

• DUMP STATION 1A. - MOD. #7

• ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

02 NOV 2001

• INCREASE MONEY AVAILABLE BY \$100,000

UP TO \$931,592.50

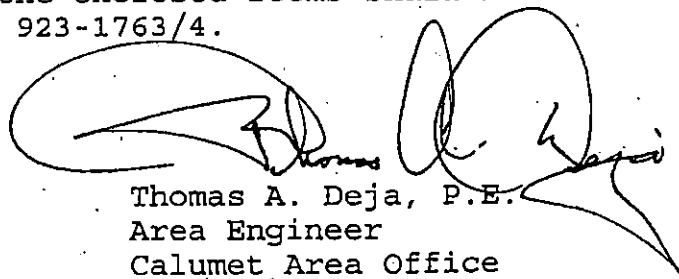
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Pump Stations Rehabilitation, Phase 1A
Hammond Sanitary District
Lake County, Indiana
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• PUMP STATION 1A - MOD. #8

• ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

20 NOV 2001

• INCREASE MONEY AVAILABLE BY \$100,000

UP TO \$1,031,592.50

• N. FIFTH PUMP STA. - MOD. #5

• ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

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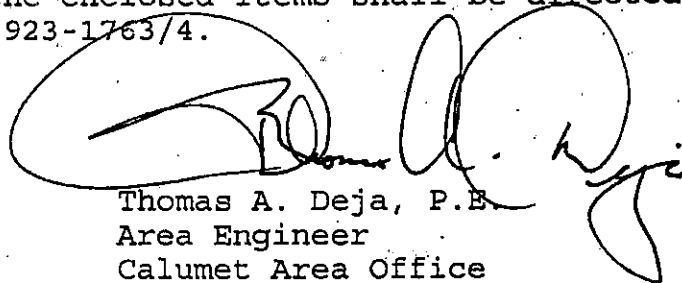
• INCREASE AMOUNT AVAILABLE FROM
\$100,000 to \$250,000

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SUBJECT: Contract No. DACW27-01-C-0008
North Fifth Avenue Pump Station Rehabilitation
Highland Sanitary District
Little Calumet River, Indiana
Modification No. P00005 - Executed

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December 6, 2001

Mr. Imad Samara
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Imad:

Referring to our conference call on Friday, November 30th with Jim Flora, Jim Pokrajac and myself, I am enclosing a copy of our "Tentative List of Cost Savings Items" which was reviewed by our Engineering Committee on November 13th. We feel that these issues have the potential to save literally hundreds of thousands of dollars on this project. Knowing your concern to contain engineering costs, I am offering the "VE" analysis to be done by Jim Flora to document the believed-to-be significant construction cost savings. All we ask is his work be "creditable" and that you provide him the template to use in his cost comparisons. We have also enclosed more drawings and tables from current design and from the FDM5 that more clearly define what we are proposing.

Will you please review these with the appropriate representatives from the COE to do a preliminary analysis of what we are suggesting and do a preliminary economic analysis to see if any of these items are economically feasible. Upon completion of your review, we suggest we have a meeting whereby we could discuss these items in detail and decide how we will proceed.

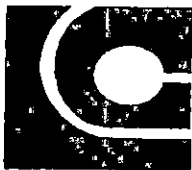
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Sincerely,

Dan Gardner
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Attorney

December 12, 2001

Mr. Imad Samara
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
111 N. Canal Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606-7206

Dear Imad:

It has recently been brought to our attention by Brian Doughman that he has secured additional lands adjacent to his current borrow site. He is in the process of stripping unsuitable material from the surface and is anticipating to have $\pm 600,000$ additional cubic yards of clay available to northwest Indiana. With this in mind, we feel that the presently-designated Clark-Chase Borrow Site should be eliminated from all future plans and specifications as the designated borrow site. We currently have no permits from the city of Gary which would allow us to excavate material from that location and if we secured the permits, the expense to prepare that site would be cost-prohibitive. Please indicate to us if this request is acceptable to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,


Dan Gardner
Executive Director

/sjm

cc: Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney

Office of the Lake County Surveyor

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GEORGE VAN TIL
County Surveyor

December 21, 2001

Mr. Dan Gardner, Director
Little Calumet River Basin Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Re: Status Report on Hartsdale Pond
Schererville, Lake County, Indiana

Dear Dan:

This information is a status report regarding our work towards implementing the stormwater storage facility located along the Spring Street Ditch within the Town of Schererville known as the "Hartsdale Pond Project".

As you know, we have been involved in pushing this project for nearly ten (10) years and want to bring you up to date with the following:

1. We did in fact award a contract to Dyer Construction for the installation of duplex pumps that includes a 10' diameter wet-well and all appurtenances thereof. These pumps were designed to discharge no more than 90 cfs, the allowable rate for flows in downstream Spring Street Ditch.
2. Also included in Dyer Construction's contract is a concrete spillway at the upstream end of Spring Street Ditch into the pond. This is designed to allow heavy rainfall events to spill over from the low-flow channel of the ditch into the pond for storage. The pumps will activate and discharge after the pond reaches the designed high-elevation. Also, the pumps will operate in order to keep the pond dry after rain events.
3. We have received required permits on November 15, 2001, and have notified the contractor to commence the work. Said work should be complete in early March of 2002.
4. After the pumps have emptied the pond, we will take elevations and trench the existing bottom to eliminate any pockets of standing water. We anticipate said trench work will help dry out the pond bottom.

Mr. Dan Gardner, Director
December 21, 2001
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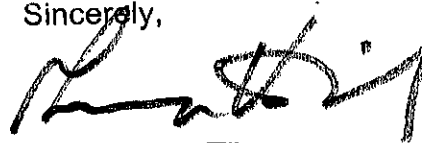
5. Also, after the pond has been pumped out, we will order more soil borings in hopes that the results will verify the material's quality as dike material for the Little Calumet River Project.
6. Preliminary estimates of the quantity of the material is some 200,000 cubic yards. This amount will be verified at such time we take field elevations and consider the soils' evaluation.
7. Weather and other unforeseen conditions permitting, we are hoping for a completed project within the next twelve (12) months.
8. We presently are preparing an Interlocal Agreement between the Towns of Highland and Schererville with respect to future maintenance and utility costs that will cover operating this facility. The Lake County Drainage Board will be responsible for the pond maintenance, since it has regulated drain status (easement) of the pond and Spring Street Ditch. Said easement was granted to the Drainage Board from the owner (fee simple), the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

I look forward to this project's completion and hope that the materials can be used for the Little Calumet River Project, so that we can continue to expand the storage capabilities of our pond.

Significant dollars have been expended from or through the Lake County Drainage Board, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the Lake County Surveyor's Office, the Build Indiana Fund and now, soon from the towns of Highland and Schererville, all to make this project a reality. We look forward to your participation also.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



George Van Til

GVT:mek

cc: U.S. Congressman Peter J. Visclosky
Lake County Board of Commissioners
Lake County Drainage Board
Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
John Mroczkowski, Little Calumet River Basin

LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT

For meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2002

(Information in this report is from November 28, 2001 – December 26, 2001)

NON-PROJECT LAND MANAGEMENT

A. Handicapped-Accessible Park

1. The remaining segment of Charles Agnew Park will probably be completed next year and a dedication ceremony held in the summer.

B. Gleason Park-Driving Range

1. A meeting was held with Gary Parks and Recreation on June 19th, 2001, to review and discuss scheduling, funding, and scope of work for a driving range North of 30th Ave., West of Broadway.
 - We have received no correspondence about this issue from Gary Parks & Recreation.

PROJECT RELATED LAND MANAGEMENT

A. O&M (Project manual review/accepting completed segments)

1. It is anticipated to start accepting levee segments (after inspections are completed and found acceptable) as early as February, 2002.
2. The LCRBDC agreed that we would initially inspect and accept the projects on an individual basis to relieve the contractor of his obligations. However, we will require a procedure to mutually sign off with the COE to accept O & M responsibility. (COE currently working on this procedure.)
3. LCRBDC is currently working on O&M responsibility tables to establish each task and who will do each item.
 - A spreadsheet for Gary **has been completed that shows** all tasks, frequency of tasks, and locations.
 - We are currently gathering information for costs and who might accept responsibility for each task.

B. Mitigation (entire project area)

1. We received a letter from COE stating that DC616 (29th and Hanley) is an acquisition, LCRBDC should proceed. **Dan is waiting for a letter from Gary Mayor Scott King to state Gary's position on accepting a large parcel of land for mitigation at 29th and Hanley or if Gary would rather see more economic development in that area.**

C. Emergency Management/River Monitoring

1. It is our understanding that the GSD is currently monitoring river levels as part of the emergency response participation plan.
 - Currently, the LCRBDC has completed review of GSD/WREP concerns that have not been addressed and **submitted these to the COE for their input.**
 - Refer to Item "F" in this Report regarding operations and maintenance.
2. LCRBDC has reviewed COE mapping which shows locations of road closings, sandbagging, and emergency response locations. A plan to coordinate each community flood event response is currently being formulated with information

received from the COE in the final O&M Manual received on November 1st, 2001.
(Ongoing)

3. We submitted a letter to all representatives for Gary on November 16th, 2001, with a copy of our installation procedure for their review. Upon receipt of comments, we will then distribute a final copy to all parties.

- A letter was sent to Carmen Wilson (GSD Director) on November 9th, 2001, thanking GSD for their cooperation for the October 12th, 2001 closure structure coordination, and also requesting their assistance with cleaning out the other trench on Chase St.
- The GSD cooperated again by using WREP to clean out both closure trenches on Chase and on 35th, and re-organized closure material in the storeroom on December 18th and 19th.

4. We sent a memo to Gene Kellar on December 5th, 2001, to begin coordination for an instructional video for closure structures. /

D. Lake Erie Land Company (The Great Konomick)

1. No next meeting date has been scheduled.

E. LAMAR Advertising Company

1. At the October 4th Commission meeting, Arlene Colvin stated the city of Gary's position on the 2 proposed new signs at I-65 & I-80/94 would not be in compliance with city codes (1200' between signs) and the city would decline their request.

- **We received an email from Gary on December 6th, 2001, indicating that Lamar should coordinate with the Gary Zoning Department and that the approved distance between billboards is 500'.** 2
- **LCRBDC wrote a letter to Lamar on December 13th, 2001, suggesting that rather than we act as liaison, that they coordinate with Gary themselves.** 3

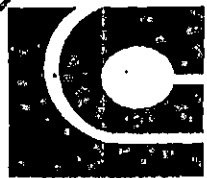
2. **LCRBDC received a phone call from Lamar on December 18th, 2001, asking if the LCRBDC would approve them building these signs on our property if they could get Gary approval.**

- **It will be presented as a motion at our January 3rd, 2002 meeting – if we would not approve, then they would not spend money to pursue.**

F. Gary Sanitary District (White River Environmental Partners (WREP)) O&M

1. LCRBDC has gathered information from the COE to address both engineering and maintenance questions raised by GSD/WREP. We completed a current status sheet that will be reviewed & forwarded to them for discussion as part of an agenda to turn over O&M to them.
 - We wrote a letter to the COE on November 14th, 2001, enclosing our request to them dated September 6th, 2001, addressing the 5 remaining GSD/WREP concerns that have not been answered in writing. We cannot proceed with **any O&M issues nor accept any levee segments until these issues are addressed.**
- G. The Griffith levee west of the EJ&E RR to Cline Avenue has been completed as well as the Colfax road raise. We will be scheduling a meeting with Griffith to discuss their participation in maintaining and operating these items future no later than mid-December.

- H. Portions of west reach pump stations in Hammond and Highland are being turned over to their respective communities. Representatives of the Hammond and Highland Sanitary Districts are inspecting with the COE and Contractor and signing off as owner.
1. Currently working with Highland (John Bach/Mike Griffin) to put together an agreement whereby the community/LCRBDC/COE can mutually sign off for construction acceptance, but the community assumes O&M responsibility. (Ongoing)
- Submitted to Attorney Casale on October 5, 2001 for review & comments.



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TO: Gene Kellar, GENE KELLAR PRODUCTIONS

FROM: Jim Pokrajac, LCRBDC

SUBJECT: Video Production

DATE: December 5, 2001

I enclosed a copy of our "Pond & Post Closures - Proposed Installations Procedure" along with a list of the equipment needed for this installation. I would like to format the video to correspond to this step by step.

Contact me at your convenience in order that we may proceed.
Thanks.

/encl.

Sandy Mordus

From: "Arlene Colvin" <acolvin@ci.gary.in.us>
To: "Sandy Mordus" <smordus@nirpc.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2001 12:16 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting on Thursday

Sandy,

Please tell Jim that I spoke with the Deputy Mayor and she indicates that the conversation with Ed did not go as Jim was told. She said that she has no idea what the zoning requirements are; thus, why would she give him a number? In fact, she referred him to Zoning Department. She also indicated that he told her that he had a copy of an ordinance that Gary might want to adopt regarding this matter (I presume the distance between billboards) and that he would give it to her but he never did. Perhaps this is the ordinance that had 500' in it. Gary's ordinances have not changed. They are just as I mentioned before.

Arlene

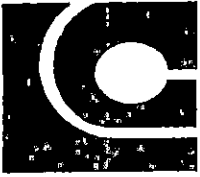
----- Original Message -----

From: Sandy Mordus
To: Arlene Colvin
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2001 3:52 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting on Thursday

Arlene:

I received a phone call from Ed Marcin last week indicating in a conversation with Deputy Mayor Suzette Raggs that the city of Gary is still issuing permits for constructing billboards if no closer than 500' to each other. The impression I got from Mr. Marcin was that your statement of 1200' between the signs contradicts this space restriction. Before submitting a letter in writing, you may want to talk to Suzette Raggs to determine which distance between signs is correct. I have not confirmed that Mr. Marcin did indeed talk to the Deputy Mayor. I do not recall if there were any other reasons why the city of Gary would reject this proposal because of future comprehensive plans in that area, DNR restrictions, or any other reasons. If you have any questions regarding this or if I am incorrect, please let me know by responding back to this email. Thanks.

Jim Pokrajac



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December 13, 2001

Mr. Ed Marcin
LAMAR Advertising Company
1770 West 41st Avenue
Gary, Indiana 46308

Dear Ed:

As per your request to install two signs in the area of I-80/94 and I-65 in Gary, I am writing to update you that the Commission deferred to the city of Gary the decision which would allow you to install your signs at these locations. I appreciated your attending our Commission meeting on July 5th and presenting information to our Board members regarding, not only these two signs, but the other two signs that we have entered into agreements with you.

Rather than acting as liaison between LAMAR and the city of Gary, I would suggest that you follow your normal procedure in securing any necessary permits, paying any fees, or getting appropriate approvals. In the event you obtain all of the necessary approvals, you may resubmit to us in writing your request to install these signs for our re-consideration on our properties. If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

James E. Pokrajac, Agent
Land Management/Engineering

/sjm
cc:

Arlene Colvin, City of Gary, LCRBDC
Lou Casale, LCRBDC attorney

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***RESULTS OF REAL ESTATE MEETING HELD 11 DECEMBER 2001
WITH THE ARMY CORPS and
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & RECREATION PROJECT***

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCRBDC

Dan Gardner
Lou Casale
Lorraine Kray
Sandy Mordus
Jim Pokrajac
Judy Vamos

COE

Imad Samara
Erika Wilkins
Chrystal Spokane

1. REVIEW OF THE 28 NOVEMBER 2001 PUBLIC MEETING STAGE VIII

a. **The Good** – It was agreed that the LCRBDC video makes a good presentation of explaining the flood project, however, the fiscal figures are out-of-date and need to be updated. Judy will call Chris Sloan of Merging Pictures to see if he can update the video.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

b. **The Bad** – It was agreed that the AE for Stage VIII (SEH representative) Jeff Davis gave too technical explanations. Landowners could not easily understand his answers. Imad would like to have a meeting with the AE of Stage VII (Earth Tech) before the upcoming Stage VII public meeting to discuss the proper way to communicate to landowners. Imad will call Earth Tech and set-up a meeting.

(ACTION: Imad/COE)

c. **The Ugly** – It was agreed that the worst part of the evening occurred when Dan and Imad were standing at the podium answering questions and the SEH representative stood behind them and shook his head answering the same questions opposite to what Dan and Imad said. This should not happen again.

2. SCHEDULE DATE FOR THE STAGE VII PUBLIC MEETING

a. Imad suggested a probable date for the Stage VII meeting as Wednesday, 30 January 2002, 6:30 to 9 pm. Judy will call Wicker Park and ask to reserve the social center for that day and time. Tuesday 29 January or Thursday 31 January are alternative dates.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC)

3. ACQUISITION STATUS

a. 29th and Hanley DC 616 (about 20 acres used for in-project Mitigation) – Dan is still trying to get a letter from the City of Gary stating its position on the Burr Street/80-94 intersection. If Gary wants economic development in that area, instead of large tracts used for mitigation, Gary should put it in writing.

(ACTION: Dan/LCRBDC)

b. Burr Street Phase 2 (Colfax to Clark Road) – Lou, Jim, and Judy will be meeting on 12 December to discuss the remaining problem acquisitions.

c. East Reach (Cline to I-65) - Lou, Jim, and Judy will be meeting on 12 December to discuss the remaining problem acquisitions.

d. East Reach Remediation (MLK I-65) - Lou has written his letter to the Lake County Commissioners asking for 12 of the remaining 27 properties. Those 12 are on the tax sale. Judy and Lorraine are putting together information packets of the remaining 15 properties to get to Angie so Uniform Land Offers can be mailed ASAP.

e. Stage VI – As title work comes in Judy and Lorraine are putting together information packets to get to Angie so offers can be sent to landowners.

(ACTION: Jim, Lorraine, Lou, Judy /LCRBDC on b,c,d,e)

4. Crediting

Chrystal returned several crediting packets to Lorraine. Erika reported that the computer Dbase tracking system is officially discontinued. Corps Real Estate is looking into a system already in use by other local sponsors. LCRBDC will not be able to input data. It will be a view only for LCRBDC and Lorraine will do crediting manually. She will use a written form. The new system will be on-line in March.

(ACTION: Chrystal and Erika/COE)

Chrystal also reported that by Corps federal regulations all future crediting submittals must be "per tract." Copies of invoices for title work, appraisals, surveys, anything pertinent to land acquisition must be in the submitted file. Presently only title work and appraisal bills are in the file. Surveying bills are submitted on a yearly basis. Sandy will start inserting survey bills in DC numbered files.

Corps rules also require that a copy of the recorded warranty deed with final title or a copy of the easement agreement with a title update showing the LCRBDC recorded easement also be included in crediting submittals. Lou questioned if LCRBDC easements are insured. He will call the title companies for an answer.

(ACTION: Lou, Sandy, and Lorraine/LCRBDC)

5. STAGE IV-1 NORTH PROBLEM

a. Judy reported that Lou has received a call from an attorney representing a landowner on 30th Place in Black Oak. Judy has spoken with the landowner. LCRBDC has a wide drainage ditch at the back portion of their long, narrow lot, but not quite to the back property line. A Wolverine pipeline runs underground between the ditch and the back property line and it's covered with grass. The landowner(s) on 30th are having difficulty getting to the grass to cut it. The ditch is too wide to cross. Judy asked the Corps to consider that:

1. LCRBDC re-purchase the present easement area in fee to control the grass cutting problem,
2. LCRBDC receive credit for the fee purchase.

Erika and Chrystal said they would research Corps regulations, however, they doubt if LCRBDC can receive credit twice on the same parcel. Judy will write a letter explaining the problem and asking for a ruling.

(ACTION: Judy/LCRBDC and Chrystal and Erika/COE)

6. REMAINING EAST REACH PROBLEM DC 517

a. DC 517 owners Maurice and Maude Cobb need to be relocated, however, they have heavily encroached on adjacent Gary Parks & Recreation property with goats, chickens, horses, and several outbuildings. This will be a difficult relocation and Judy asked Chrystal and Erika if there might be a possibility of eliminating this property from the project. Chrystal and Erika said that if the LCRBDC can show a change in the land elevation then eliminating this parcel would be possible.

(ACTION: COE and LCRBDC)

7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held 22 January 2002, 9:30 am at the LCRBDC office.

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January 3, 2002

Mr. D.L. Santacaterina
KROSAN DEVELOPMENT, LLC
8412 S. Wilmette, Suite D
Darien, IL 60561

RE: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission's 75' Easement

Dear Mr. Santacaterina:

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The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the present encroachment upon said 75' easement, which, to my knowledge, includes pavement used for access around existing warehouse buildings, is at the sufferance of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. This access may, as is determined by the Commission, be modified or eliminated to the extent that it encroaches upon the 75' easement. In addition, any modification of the existing pavement or use or construction upon the 75' easement will be prohibited without express written permission from the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission prior thereto.

In addition, Jim Pokrajac of the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission has requested information from you so that an analysis can be made of the economic and engineering feasibility of modifying the levee to accommodate your company's needs. To date, he has not received the requested documents. Due to the project timetable, it is now necessary that the requested information be forwarded to Jim Pokrajac as soon as possible. Failure to do so

Mr. D.L. Santacaterino
January 3, 2002
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in a timely manner will cause the project to move forward as presently planned without the requested analysis.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP

Louis M. Casale

LMC/amo

cc: William Tanko
Dan Gardner
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Where is the state's surplus?

Governor, Republicans blame each other for fiscal woes and revenue shortfall

BY TERRY BURNS
Times Statehouse Bureau Chief

INDIANAPOLIS — If economic analysts are right and the dire predictions of some politicians come true, Indiana's checking account could be drained within the next 18 months.

The slumping economy could translate into at least a \$1.3 billion revenue shortfall

for state government — money lawmakers were counting on back in April when they crafted the state's two-year \$20.7 billion budget.

As a result, Indiana could be broke sometime in 2003 unless the General Assembly and Gov. Frank O'Bannon can agree on a long-term fix, which likely will involve large tax increases and wholesale spending cuts.

As recently as two years ago,

Indiana had cash reserves approaching \$2 billion — one of the largest surpluses in the nation.

The state's sudden fall into the economic abyss has many Hoosiers asking the same question: "What happened to all that money?"

"I struggle to comprehend how our state officials could have mismanaged state funds so badly that a \$2 billion sur-

plus is gone," Kathleen Simon of Aurora said in a letter to the governor. "Why must I, as a taxpayer, pay for the mismanagement and shortsightedness of our government?"

The people running state government — the O'Bannon administration and the politically divided General Assembly — can't agree on an answer, but each blames the other for the growing fiscal woes.

Democratic way of thinking

The O'Bannon administration contends that prolonged deficit spending, spiraling Medicaid costs, the continuing economic downturn and a series of little-noticed but costly tax cuts have chipped away at the state's once-plush surplus.

In fact, the current budget blueprint devised by lawmakers

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Surplus

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— which the governor refused to sign — spends \$500 million a year more than the state is expected to reap in revenues, and that was before the economy tanked.

The lingering recession has only added to the problem, leaving the state with just \$19 million in the general fund, often referred to as the state's checking account, at the end of the 2001 fiscal year.

According to the State Budget Agency, an arm of the O'Bannon administration, the state budget spent nearly \$800 million of the surplus on one-time initiatives.

That spending included the following:

- \$290 million in payments to shore up the teachers retirement fund
- \$200 million on local road projects
- \$155 million in state infrastructure improvements
- \$162 million for new higher education buildings at campuses across the state and technology investments.

An additional \$1 billion was spent on a variety of tax cuts, many of them largely unnoticed by average Hoosier taxpayers, but a major emphasis of O'Bannon's re-election campaign last year.

"I get the question asked to me every day, 'Where did the surplus go?'" Rep. Chet Dobis, D-Merrillville, said. "Most people

don't even know that they were the beneficiaries of it because (the tax breaks) were nominal when you break it down to the individual, but it was large in the grand scheme of things."

The Republican response

At the other end of the political spectrum, GOP legislative leaders blame the vanishing surplus squarely on O'Bannon's shoulders.

During O'Bannon's tenure, Republicans charge, state agencies increased spending by 9.2 percent a year, which doesn't include expenditures on tax cuts and education.

"They haven't tightened their belt. They've spent like drunken sailors," said Rep. Jeffrey Espich, the ranking Republican on the budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

GOP lawmakers, in accusing the Democratic administration of mismanaging the state's checkbook and failing to hold the line on state spending, insist the General Assembly was an innocent bystander.

The truth, however, appears to be that there is plenty of blame to be spread around. When economic times were flush, neither Democrats nor Republicans could resist going on a taxpayer-funded spending spree.

"This is a case of joint responsibility, and fingerpointing won't change the facts," said Morton Marcus, director of the Indiana Business Research Center at Indiana University.

The effort to spend the sur-

plus on tax cuts and other programs was "a very deliberate" move by lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle, he said.

"You can't accuse them of frittering away the money because that would suggest a lack of conscious behavior."

O'Bannon bristles whenever lawmakers, particularly Republicans, claim they don't have the foggiest notion of what happened to the surplus.

Many of those lawmakers, the governor suggests, are either suffering from a selective memory or short-term amnesia, since GOP lawmakers support many programs funded with surplus dollars.

"They were there when it happened, and they were there when (spending) decisions were made," O'Bannon said. "Is that spending like a drunken sailor? That's what they all voted for."

"Certainly, Republican leadership was as active in those decisions as was the Democratic leadership. But you get the feeling from some of the Republicans that they don't know what happened."

Avoiding a stalemate

The real question facing lawmakers, both Democratic and Republican, is whether they possess the political will or can find the common ground to solve the state's budget problems during the upcoming legislative session.

The political bickering and fingerpointing, already begun, centers on O'Bannon's proposal

to close the widening deficit.

The plan, unveiled in November, calls for balancing the budget by imposing \$2.5 billion in tax increases, spending cuts and other measures.

Among other initiatives, the governor's budget strategy would raise cigarette taxes by 50 cents, boost the casino admissions tax by \$2, cut \$115 million in funding to schools and eliminate a popular tax break for homeowners.

Dobis, the second-ranking Democrat in the House, said he is having second thoughts about how the money was spent, especially the cash used for politically popular tax cuts.

"Most people don't even understand what we did for them in the form of tax rebates and reducing their taxes," he said. "So I guess I'm wondering whether it was worth doing. We still would have had the surplus if we hadn't nipped it here and nipped it there."

GOP leaders claim O'Bannon, in addressing the state's fiscal dilemma, actually is more interested in raising taxes than controlling state spending, which is reflected in his deficit-reduction plan.

Sen. Robert Meeks, R-La Grange, chairman of the Senate Budget Subcommittee, said with Indiana in the midst of a recession, now is not the time to hike taxes.

"I think we can get by this next year and a half with what we have if the spending is managed better," Meeks said. "Right

now, the individual in Indiana is worried about his job, his income and property taxes. I don't think this is the time to go out and try to generate additional revenue."

He also tried to distance lawmakers from the state's fiscal problems, saying that the governor, not the General Assembly, needs to provide the fix and that legislators act only in an advisory role and shouldn't be asked to provide the answers.

"We do the budget, the governor spends it," he said. "He doesn't have to spend it."

But Sen. Vi Simpson, D-Bloomington, who heads the State Budget Committee, said Republicans are fooling themselves, trying to avoid responsibility.

"That's why we were elected to make hard public policy decisions," Simpson said. "The question isn't can we, but will we?"

At this point, there appears to be no consensus on that question, either from Democrats or Republicans.

"We know what the issues are, and we can either solve them or we can't," House Speaker John Gregg, D-Sandborn, said, "and then the voters will be the judge of that."

"Can we do it?" asked House Minority Leader Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis. "I don't know. I don't believe we are very well prepared for the tests we will be facing in the session. It remains to be seen."

The legislative session begins Jan. 7. Lawmakers only have until the middle of March to strike a deal.

CLAIMS PAYABLE FOR DECEMBER 2001 REVISED

ACCT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION OF CLAIM
5801	GEORGE CARLSON	500.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-12/6/01
5801	JOHN MROCZKOWSKI	250.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-11/28/01
5801	MARION WILLIAMS	150.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-11/1/01
5801	CURT VOSTI	450.00	PER DIEM 7/23/01-12/6/01
5801	EMERSON DELANEY	250.00	PER DIEM 8/2/01-12/6/01
5801	ROBERT HUFFMAN	600.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-12/18/01
5801	ARLENE COLVIN	250.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-11/1/01
5801	WILLIAM TANKE	850.00	PER DIEM 7/5/01-12/18/01
5811	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	283.33	RETAINER FEE BILLED THROUGH 12/30/01
5811	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	153.00	ADDITIONAL LEGAL FEES 12/30/01
5812	NIRPC	9,669.90	SERVICES PERFORMED NOVEMBER 2001
5812	JIM POKRAJAC	29.37	FILM SUPPLIES FOR COMMISSION PROPERTY
5812	NAFSMA	400.00	MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2002
5812	DAN GARDNER	5,500.00	COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR YEAR 2001
5812	SANDY MORDUS	4,000.00	COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR YEAR 2001
5821	SAND RIDGE BANK	1,627.20	HOTEL EXPENSE FOR DAN GARDNER & WILLIAM TANKE FOR NAFSMA CONFERENCE IN CHARLOTTE, NC
5821	SANDY MORDUS	20.16	MILEAGE 12/10/01-12/18/01
5821	BILL TANKE	142.80	MILEAGE 7/5/01-12/18/01
5821	ARLENE COLVIN	25.20	MILEAGE 7/5/01-11/1/01
5821	EMERSON DELANEY	25.20	MILEAGE 8/2/01-12/6/01
5821	BOB HUFFMAN	108.64	MILEAGE 7/5/02-12/18/01
5821	MARION WILLIAMS	8.40	MILEAGE 7/5/01-11/1/01
5824	WORLDCOM (MCI)	223.36	BILLING PERIOD 11/15/01-12/14/02 (TOTAL BILL 237.26 KRBC 13.9)
5824	VERIZON	123.74	BILLING PERIOD 12/16/01-1/16/01 (TOTAL BILL 255.65 KRBC 131.91)
5825	SAND RIDGE BANK	1,477.50	EXPENSES INCURRED AT ANNUAL LCRBDC MEETING 12/6/01
5838	CASALE, WOODWARD & BULS, LLP	7,285.00	LAND ACQUISITION/LEGAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 12/30/01
5842	R. W. ARMSTRONG	5,025.00	PROFESSTIONAL SERVICES FOR PERIOD ENDED 12/14/01
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	75.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-816
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-765
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-719
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	225.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-715
5843	MERIDIAN TITLE CORP	275.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-1033
5843	INDIANA TITLE NETWORK COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-483-A
5843	INDIANA TITLE NETWORK COMPANY	270.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-483-B
5843	TICOR TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY	385.00	TITLE WORK PREFORMED FOR DC-1036
5843	LAKE COUNTY RECORDER	158.00	RECORDINGS FOR DC-575, DC-575A, DC-606, DC-597, & DC-601
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,910.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	3,864.00	ENGINEERING/LAND MANAGEMENT SERVICES 12/17/01-12/31/01
5844	JAMES POKRAJAC	178.64	DECEMBER MILEAGE
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,392.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	2,392.50	LAND ACQUISITION/MANAGEMENT SERVICES 12/17/01-12/31/01
5844	JUDITH VAMOS	24.08	DECEMBER MILEAGE
5844	SANDY MORDUS	196.00	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	SANDY MORDUS	73.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN SERVICES 12/27/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	767.25	CREDITING TECHNICIAN/LAND ACQUISITION ASST 12/1/01-12/15/01
5844	G. LORRAINE KRAY	478.50	CREDITING TECHNICIAN/LAND ACQUISITION ASST 12/18/01-12/27/01
5845	SOUTH SHORE MARINA	1,250.00	REMOVAL OF HANDRAILS FROM BREAKWATER & STORAGE TILL SPRING
5848	MD ATLANTIC TECHNOLOGIES INC	380.00	COPIES OF MAPS FOR PROJECT VIEWING
5861	DON POWERS AGENCY INC	673.00	INSURANCE FOR 3499 CHASE ST, LCRBDC PROPERTY
5882	ELGIN JOLIET & EASTERN RWY	3,398.21	UTILITY RELOCATION COSTS FOR PROJECT T6325 (SIV-IS)

TOTAL 61,513.98

Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

**WORK STUDY SESSION
3 JANUARY 2002**

**LAND ACQUISITION / LAND MANAGEMENT
ARLENE COLVIN, CHAIRPERSON**

1.) INCREASED OFFERS: None

CONDEMNATIONS:

<u>DC NUMBER</u>	<u>NOT TO BE READ IN PUBLIC</u>
DC 59	(owner Tichenor Media Systems- WIND Hispanic Radio)
DC 209	(owner Caleb & Susie Ingram)
DC 210	(owner Millie L. Williams, et.al)
DC 211	(owner Lincoln Bradley and Oscar Bradley)
DC 212	(owner R.J. Szany)
DC 213	(owner Clean Air, Inc. was Lyles & Sons Construction)
DC 213-A	(owner Timothy Ivory)

NEED MOTION;

2.) For discussion:

Lamar Outdoor Advertising still desires to install two (2) billboards at the I-65 and I-80/94 intersection. Lamar is now confident it can obtain permits from the City of Gary, INDOT, DNR, etc. to erect the signs. Lamar would pursue the permits if LCRBDC would reconsider its former decision not to have the signs on LCRBDC property and now give approval to have the signs on LCRBDC property. Lease rental could be approximately \$ 3,300 annually for each sign. Discussion to reconsider?

3.) Update on acquisitions:

East Reach Remediation 26 acquisitions needed - Lake County Commissioners will sell eight (8) lots to LCRBDC in January, another five (5) will be available during the next six months.

Stage VII - Public Meeting for Stage VII will be held Wednesday ^{JANUARY 30} ~~28 November~~ 2002 at the Wicker Park Social Center at 6:30 pm. Same format as the meeting for Stage VIII will be conducted.

Stage VIII - Rights-of-Entry for exploration and elevation surveys will be sent to the four landowners west of Hohman Avenue in Munster. The Corps will conduct elevation studies to determine if the four houses are above flood project elevation.